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ON MATTERS VIVID AND VARIOUS.

BY THE EDITOR.

ATLANTIC OCEAN, STEAMSHIP ADRIATIC, May 27, 1908.

HE music on board of this English ship is played by Englishmen, a violinist, a second, a 'cello, a bass, and a five octave English piano being the physical basisusing the colloquial expressions. There is a full sized 71/3 octave upright in the dining room for the use of average beings, but the small 5 octave piano which the Englishman must play to be paid is a useless interference having no contemporaneous qualities, The construction is tentative and tiny and the thing is merely a short keyboard controlling small hammers that strike short strings, making a kitchen kettle effect, as might be expected. It should be thrown overboard, and if the average man of affairs knew enough about music he would understand how insulting it is to the musical mind to have such a miscarriage introduced and then he also would not tolerate it. But the average intelligent man of affairs looks upon the culture of music as a matter pertaining to women and young children and misses, and actually discredits a man who is identified with music seriously, looks upon him as a species of crank. It is still the influence of past centuries, this disdain of the musician. Until a century ago, the stipend of the musician was still thrown to his feet from the staircase or the court window. Hence such abnormalities as a five octave piano are permitted-in England, which is by far the most backward musical nation of Europe and which has not yet produced either a composer, a conductor, a singer, a pianist, a violinist of the first class. The reason is that the successful culture of music in Great Britain has been preempted entirely by foreigners in accordance with the snobbishness of English society which is constantly hankering for Continental approval. We are, however, much worse than England is in all these tendencies and cannot, therefore, criticize her. She is the victim of the foreign musician and so are we and exactly for the same reason. Hence we also should cultivate the little irrational five octave piano and go back to the days before Cristofori and by retiring the hammers return to the plectra. In fact there is a theory prevailing in England that is encouraging the revival of the clavichord and the harpsichord, and why not? These instruments are modest and noiseless and about them hovers an atmosphere of screne reflection that ignores the facts of progress. Whenever we can so live that we need not think, but need merely bask in a brainless nothingness, we can rest and rest without suffering. That compendium of human knowledge. marvellous for its prophetic reliability, the Talmud, tells us that rest and suffering are conflicting and that rest must be without

sensation to be complete. With a five octave tin pan there can be no rest because of the suffering it inflicts; but there is no suffering in listening to the clavichord or the harpsichord. Dear old harps that made our ancestors smile at one another when they heard them tinkle! Well, there are some people who are anxious to-day to hear the tinkle of the clavichord, and God bless them, which he would do anyway without the clavichord so long as they are so innocent as to be able to cultivate it or entertain a wish to do so. One (or even more than one) can forgive these people, but everlasting damnation is sure to follow the orthodox idiot who in the 20th Century has the fanaticism to launch on a boat a five octave piano key board tin pan. He ought to be tarred and feathered.

Analogy Between Things.

I suppose there is no reason why something should be analogous to nothing; but there is a possibility of analogy between things that have a reason for reminding one of each other. That is the cause of the analogy between this idiotic suggestion, this five octave kettle on board this semi-cruiser and the 65 note music roll used in the automatic piano player. What gives us thought for pausing and pauses for thinking is the well known fact that a whole group of renowned musicians have unhestitatingly (what a neat word and how gracefully it leads to the phrase: "Musicians unhesitatingly and enthusiastically endorsing") given their approval to the 65 note music roll although it now appears to be a tremendous musical fake. (Fake is really a most reprehensible word, but I cannot see why it should not be applied to a thing which is a fake. It is so eminently practical to call a real fake a real fake that the temptation to do so should not be resisted).

For instance, that renowned and conscientious pianist, Josef Hofmann who plays the piano like a Hercules (that is, not in the sense of a piano smasher but in the sense of overpowering mastery) tells the world, without blushing, about a Piano Player machine that: "The technic is perfectly mastered as the machine can play with ease any notes that are perforated on the paper music rolls." Far be it from me to doubt the relative assurance of the ears of Mr. Josef Hofmann, but I nevertheless most meekly might ask him if he has ever listened to one of the compositions he plays with ten fingers on a 7½ octave piano when they (the compositions, not the fingers) were performed by

music roll? Has he?

He certainly has. And then he has the courage to put his name to a testimonial saying that the technic of a certain machine is perfectly mastered, knowing what the impression is intended to be. How much money did Josef Hofmann receive for writing that? How much? If he received no money or equivalent he certainly made a great mistake in writing as he did, for he should have been paid, and there was nothing criminal in charging money for such a testimonial or receiving money for it. All that is needed is to learn how much he received in order to learn how little these musical people receive for signing such documents.

Can Mr. Josef Hofmann play his repertory on a 51/2 octave piano? That is all the 65 note music roll controls. I call the 65 note music roll a and I have proved it to be so in these columns, with mann endorses a production of music on that basis. the music teacher.

Certain philosophers have claimed that the study of music effaces the ethical quality of the mind and deadens it; that music leads to a misapprehension of universal truths, and that its idealism is in conflict with that deep human realism on which society is structured. The immoralities of musicians are made excusable on this theory and they are asked to be exempted from the usual judgment because of it.

How can a 65 note roll do otherwise than misdirect? Educational! After all, education means proper knowledge. It does not mean false knowledge, because knowing anything falsely means, necessarily, a correction of the fault. Not only do 65 note rolls not educate, but their cultivation signifies the loss of time required to direct the unfortunate victim, first, on the right path before he or she can receive the proper education after that. It is like listening to a New York Symphony Orchestra interpretation of a symphony and then being compelled to lose that impression in order to be able to hear the correct interpretation, afterward, with the proper impression.

A Paderewski Endorsement.

Some interested and conscientious people might ask what Paderewski says about an instrument which uses the 65 note roll. Here are his eloquent words: "Every one who wishes to hear ABSOLUTELY FAULTLESS, free from any kind of nervousness, piano playing should BUY, &c. &c. It is PERFECTION!"

music!

by rolls that disfigure the masterworks which the cultured world listens to with awe and veneration, to buy machines, to buy machines to listen to emasculated performances of Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, Liszt, Rubinstein and Brahms!

Imagine the "Staccato Etude" of Rubinstein played on 65 notes of a piano! The Liszt Hungarian rhapsodies! The "Islamy" fantasie, or Weber's "Invitation"! And the big Beethoven sonatas! But why dwell on this after we have demonstrated with examples the impossibility of the 65 note roll? But consider what a musical education can possibly be under such auspices, unrestricted by any technical or theoretical studies, and what the final consequence must turn out to be.

We must remember that many musicians of great reputation endorse this mechanical, automatic method, supplemented by a misrepresenting aural manufacturers by the pianists who played their in-

a machine on another 71/3 octave with a 65 note interpretation. They do this for pay-the most of struments on tours in the United States and many tool doing the bidding.

What Will Be Done.

The musicians of America, the teachers and the better class of amateurs will put an end to this scheme. It is impossible to continue it in the face of the fact that it is not only ruinous to a proper study and conception of music, but because it also puts an end to the profession of the music teacher.

There is no necessity whatever for music teachers if these men from foreign lands, who hire themselves out for so much money to piano manufacturers and then appeal to American audiences for financial support-if these men can also add to their incomes by musical fake, a farce, a misleading factor in music, successfully foisting upon our people a counterfeit musical proposition which in its essence destroys the musical examples, and yet an artist like Josef Hof- musical profession. Necessarily that puts an end to line.



(From a painting by Répine.) MODESTE MOUSSORGSKY, The deceased Russian composer, whose "Boris Godounow" was produced recently at the Paris Grand Opera.

tion, with transposed, transmuted, compressed the past and that children and young people, instead and now his opinion. Paderewski must have careof studying piano as it should be studied, receive What kind of men are these, anyway? Pade- their musical education through the instrumentality

publicly pushed by the foreign pianist.

piano itself ceases as a household factor, its place says: being taken by an automatic player. The piano ends as such and in its place the machine operates. That ends the public pianist and the piano teacher as well. With the end of the piano teacher and the public recital pianists, the piano ceases to interest any one and its manufacture ceases also. I think the syllogism is complete, and because it is complete machine with its 65 note of fake and fraudulent music has reached its high water mark.

A Letter of Pianist Paderewski.

[From THE MUSICAL COURIER EXTRA.]

Many testimonials have been delivered to piano

them. The unsophisticated musician who does it of these testimonials, on analysis, bear witness to without pay is even worse because he makes no re- the studious care and weighty deliberation with searches in this system; he is simply the goodnatured which they were finally concocted as one of the parts of the business arrangement implied, understood or actually transacted in the agreement between the European pianist who hires or sells himself to American piano manufacturers, as the case may be, first to one and then to the other and ofttimes to still more than two at different times, and many of these testimonials have all of us, who are in the path of this kind of literature, read and sometimes even studied, but never before have I, at least, beheld such a testimonial as Paderewski recently gave on one of our American pianos, a testimonial which evinces, on its face, how closely Paderewski must have studied the testimonial system that figures so largely in the daily papers of our country. Let us see how business-like he manages this latest experience in the testimonial

He addresses the manufacturers or owners of the

piano he has this past season played by saying that it seems to him superfluous to give them in writing his appreciation of their instruments because "practically" they "do not need it" and then they show him how they need it all by publishing it broadcast. Hence he must have been in error. He then follows by stating that he had been playing their piano for seven months in America and "that proves more than anything which could be said or written." Evidently not. He had to write it after all, for that is what he did. And then with the usual thrust at this paper he closes his first paragraph as follows: "Whatever 'disinterested' detractors may object to, had I not found in your pianos a perfect medium for my art I would have never played them in public." Would he have played them without a contract?

I have a "perfect" right to reject this statement if Paderewski found the piano he refers to a "perfect" medium. There is nothing perfect in this world and therefore when the word is used it means that nothing better can be. For that reason I must conclude that Paderewski expressed what could never be or he knows no better. But it happens that the situation fits Paderewski exactly and he proves this also by giving his opinion of the piano after having already stated that it was for him a perfect medium. I am analyzing this to show his frame of mind, how he views all these proceedings

We assume that the music teacher is a thing of and how the scheme, mentally, works with him; fully studied the testimonials published on Hood's Sarsaparilla, on Castoria, on Duffy's Malt Whisky, rewski asks the people to BUY the instruments played of a counterfeit music roll, advocated and urged and on Peruna especially, on the Golden Remedy particularly, on Piso's Cure, on Mrs. Winslow's Sooth-Let us assume that. Very well. Thereupon the ing Syrup and on Schenck's Mandrake Pills. He

> For the first time I do not feel tired of p'ano playing after a long concert tour. I gave during the season ninety-three performances and my fingers are not sore, my arms are not aching, my nerves and muscles are as strong and fresh as on the day of my arrival.

Would not this testimonial fit in the Peruna and there is the best of reasons for asserting that the Sarsaparilla advertisements even better than in a piano ad?

> Dear Sir: Since taking your tone medicine my daughter's niece by her father's first marriage does not feel tired after a long circus tour. She gave during the season ninety-three performances as first female clown in three rings and her arms are not aching, her nerves and muscles are as

strong and fresh as on the day of her arrival. Mother and daughter both doing well as could be expected.

Paderewski says he was here seven months, which is about 213 days; he played 93 times, he says. We average the time required for actual use of the fingers and hands and arms at one and a half hours; but let us throw in an extra half hour for each performance, making two hours. Twice 93 is 186 hours; 186 hours is equal to 7 days and 18 hours. That is in 213 days he did not play 204. He spent of 213 days 204 days in traveling in a Private Pullman Car, on automobiles, sleeping, eating, walking, talking, and he actually played less virtually all the time (there were three or four occasions when a different program was played, an old one too, but as was shown in THE MUSICAL Courier, he played virtually a constantly repeated program)-I say, as he played the same program everywhere he did not require any time for practice, each recital constituting a rehearsal for the next one; he required no practice and he played as if practice had not been indulged in. But practicing on the part of a pianist who plays one program only is not practice; it is mere play, mere toying. Paderewski has been playing these compositions for more than 30 years.

Hence, as I said, he played less than 9 days in 213 days.

Why then does he apologize to the piano for not having any sore fingers or aching arms or weak nerves or muscles? Is there any piano on earth sc constructed that in 9 days' work on it during 213 days it would produce such a pathological condition? Observe what he says on this:

This is entirely due to the supreme qualities of your instruments.

How can any qualities of a piano, particularly a piano played 9 days only in 213 days, prevent a pianist from feeling tired? If he does not play the piano more than 81 days in 213 days how can he feel tired? He had, according to his own figures, 204 days of rest in 213. He is really not doing anything. He plays a few hours and rests 22 hours and does it again on the next day &c. &c. &c. Where is the work and why cast the imputation upon the piano that it does not make him tired because he plays on it only 9 days and less during 213 days. It certainly means to any one enlightened on this that had he played 20 days or any such number upon it he would have had sore fingers and

I am simply working this out logically on the basis of its own facts to illustrate how individuals like Paderewski run to extremes when they reach the barrier of sincerity as they always do. He cannot escape. He is caught in the meshes of his own making. He does not know what to write to the piano manufacturer and he proves his unsafe ground in the platitudes he uses, combined with an attempt through finesse and the blurring of the picture in his own mind to convey a meaning that might be considered senseless, if necessary. The Patent Medicine phraseology is aimed at the piano testimonial generally and its absurdity. He cannot escape that because it is uppermost in his mind and he identifies the American people as the great victims of the Patent Medicine System. Knowing how piano testimonials are secured, he sees the marked resemblance and falls into line unconsciously: thus he is betraved.

Naturally he attributes his cure, like the invalid who has been resurrected by the medicine, to the piano, to its supreme qualities, just as if he had been an invalid in this country in former days and the medicine or the quacks or the doctors could not re-

and the tired feeling, the sore fingers and the aching arms are all normal and he is once more happy.

He adds this language to show expert testimony:

I-"Positive Perfection of Mechanism." II-"Exceptionally easy production of tone." III—"Beautiful singing quality, and, IN SPITE OF
IT, its marvellous clearness."

Let Us Linger Longer.

It seems to me it would pay to make analysis here for no other reasons than to show how little regard most pianists have for piano manufacturers when the day is reached, after the completion of the tour, than 9 days. As he played the same program and all the money has been paid out and the testimonial is to come forth. If they really had the true interests of the piano manufacturers at heart they could not write such phrases or sentences as the above, sentences that are obliterated so far as value goes, the moment one punctures them. This indifference, however, may represent the protest of the artistic soul against the piano itself and that is as it appears to me as I regard these sentences.

SENTENCE No. 1.-Paderewski happens to know that the mechanism which he calls "Positive Perfection" is not the product of the Weber Company. He knows exactly where the "actions," the Amer-



WAGNER CONDUCTING; FROM AN OLD CARICATURE.

ican name for the "mechanism," were made; he had reason to know, as I know. Therefore when he calls the mechanism "Positive Perfection" he knows that this nearly invulnerable praise is not for the piano maker but for the action manufacturer who made the actions for the Weber pianos he played. And to think, for a moment, that the Weber concern accepted this instead of flinging it at his feet and telling him what they know I could have told him. I cannot make myself believe that a house like the Aeolian-Weber would make use of the expression "Positive Perfection of Mechanism" to go before the American people with it in order to impress them that the concern makes this mechanism when it is not made by the Weber house for its pianos. That would mean that anything goes in the piano business; it would be reprehensible, although it would mean that dozens of other firms would subsequently use the same action and then use the Paderewski phrase to endorse their pianos. So come along; let us have it. It applies to all pianos using that action.

SENTENCE No. 2.—What is an easy production of tone as applied to a piano? That belongs to the on the Weber nor am I defending the Weber person doing the playing. Paderewski never gave the piano a thought when he wrote that useless store him; but now he takes the Weber medicine phrase. When you have Positive Perfection of a proper, outspoken, direct testimonial the day is

Mechanism you have easy production of tone, provided the piano has tone within it. Nonsense

SENTENCE No. 3.—This is another suicidal phrase. The singing quality is beautiful, yet IN SPITE OF IT, that is despite its beautiful quality, the singing quality has marvelous clearness. In the name of Lucifer or any of his friends how can it have singing-beautiful singing quality-unless it had clearness? A piano with a muddy quality, a piano not clear, can have no beautiful, in fact, can have no kind of singing quality. The sentence he makes there is forced, insincere, protesting, having the same weakness, common with the others. There is no real value in his sentences and they abound in heavy redundancy; they are labored and, hence, ineffective. In SPITE OF clearness, the pianos have beautiful, singing quality. What a careful, a really appreciative testimonialist would say is that the singing quality of the piano is clear and therefore beautiful, which would necessarily mean that if it were not clear it could not have any beautiful singing quality, and that would be true and could be uttered so long as the word clear would have to be used. The sentence once more proves that Paderewski did not know what to write; he was finally cornered in the testimonial market.

The "Disinterested" Detractors.

There is more evidence found within his testimonial to show his spirit of restless protest and dissatisfaction. There is just that poignancy in the one phrase I shall quote which is wanting in all the others. The real human being rests in it. Read it again: "Whatever 'disinterested' detractors may object to," he says, he would not have played the Weber in public unless he had found the piano the perfect medium &c. &c.

To whom does Paderewski refer in this unnecessary, and, in a testimonial, gratuitous fling? Why call any attention to detractors of any kind? Why compel the public to ask "What does Paderewski mean here when he alludes to "'disinterested' detractors"? The public will ask. The Æolian Company will induce the public to ask because it is advertising the testimonial, and therefore those who know nothing about all this bartering and business with European pianists who give their testimonials to piano manufacturers as part of an engagement of services, will naturally learn of it. The public must inquire.

The phrase proves several significant things. It proves first that there are detractors, that there are people who do not approve of this practice of foreign pianists selling themselves as pianists to one American piano manufacturer and then to another. It proves that much.

His testimonial, reduced to its essentials, is an explanation of his foibles in connection with the use of the piano during this tour. What he says about the piano is of very little consequence, especially to him; what he says of himself is the chief, the paramount factor in it, and all this is emphatically accented because he calls attention to the fact that there are "disinterested" detractors. This then is the real interesting feature of the whole testimonial, this obscure thrust, and the public will never take any interest in anything in the testimonial except that veiled objurgation; the first question being "Who are the detractors" and the next "why any detractors," and that is all Paderewski wanted. He gave the manufacturer who supplies the Weber with actions an unqualified testimonial, but whatever he said about the Weber piano is discounted by what he says and mystically alludes to regarding himself.

Hence I should never call it a piano testimonial. And in these remarks I merely wish it understood that I am not giving any expression of views piano against Paderewski. If the Weber concern did not find it possible to secure from Paderewski too late for me to aid in calling his attention to the mainer of his testimonial. The Weber Company worked hard to secure the services of Paderewski and he is not complaining that its personnel did not bestow that attention upon him which all such public performers look to as part of the general advertising scheme in blessed America; therefore one reason why the proper testimonial did not come forth is, as explained by me, due to Paderewski paying much more attention to the questions appertaining to the microscopic events of life and, therefore, and naturally, the macrocosm is lost sight of by him.

With the Weber Company the supreme moment was the contents of that testimonial on the Weber piano; with Paderewski, who would have known this had he more than 71/3 octave conception of life, the testimonial offered the opportunity to give a thrust at detractors, because his action in arranging to play the Weber piano had been severely criticised. Losing sight of the Weber motive because of intense glare he casts upon himself, Paderewski unconsciously does injustice to the very concern that engaged him for a large sum to play its pianos in America and, in the final moment, that supreme piano manufacturer's moment, the testimonial moment, he gives the latter a testimonial which, in advertising it, brings to light the existence of adverse criticism and also shows through necessary exposure of conditions that the most significant part of the Weber is the mechanism and that the mechanism is not manufactured by the Weber concern.

What a shame, after such a heroic effort on part of the Webers! As Patmore says:

The day of days was not the day; That went before, or was postponed.

Heinrich Gebhard a Humorist.

When Gebhard, the pianist, was living in Vienna studying with Leschetizky, he was a constant guest of a prominent family there, and, in fact, he was rather the hero, or the center, on the occasions of such meetings. All kinds of pranks were played. One time Gebhard impersonated a great American impresario, as well as pianist; he presented singers and all sorts of artists from the Opera and conservatories. Though primarily social affairs, the evenings proved to be highly musical as well. Such distinguished men were present as Leschetizky himself, Ossip Gabrilowitsch, the well known Russian pianist; Edouard Schütt, the eminent composer; Sinigaglia, the Italian composer; Arthur Schnabel, the pianist, and others.

"The Gay Musician."

The success of Julian Edwards' new comic opera, "The Gay Musician," at Wallack's Theater, has been remarkable. Mr. Edwards, in "The Gay Musician," has produced one of the most attractive comic operas heard for some time. The music is strikingly tuneful, the orchestration of a very high order, and, unlike many so called light operas which have been written in this country, "The Gay Musician" has a plot which is intelligible. It is altogether devoid of the usual horseplay. Mr. Edwards' ripe musicianship is well known from his previous operas, and "The Gay Musician" is destined to have a long career. An excellent cast is presenting this delightful work.

New York to Lose Schenck.

Since the appointment of Elliott Schenck as director of music in Jersey City, his duties have so increased that he has decided to take up his residence over the river. It is reported that Mr. Schenck has a handsome house near Bergen avenue in view; he will not, however change his habitation until autumn, as he still has a lease on his house in Bronxville. Mr. Schenck gave a series of Wagner recitals for the Jersey City public, which were attended by about 2,000 people weekly.

Carbone's Summer Season.

Signor Carbone has received so many applications from new pupils from all parts of the United States that instead of teaching three days a week at his Carnegie Hall studios, he has planned to be there Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Thursday will be spent in Newport, where he has a large class. Signor Carbone's only opportunity to be with his family, who are summering in Sullivan County, N. Y., will be Sundays and Mondays.



DRESDEM BUREAU THE MUSICAL COURTER, NURSBERGESTR. 54, June 4, 1908.

Of all the pianists who have played here, strange as it may seem to many, Wilhelm Backhaus has attracted the most attention. What are the secrets of his power? He has given four or five concerts to entirely sold out houses. and could have continued them even longer. First, he is quite young, has the appearance of a poet, does not pose, assume, or calculate upon any of those things that attract the fickle multitude. His technic, though large, is not greater than that of Ignaz Friedman, or Drosdoff, both them pianistic giants; his school being known as of the objective kind, does not offer much in the way of interpretation, yet Ignaz Friedman and Lambrino (who may be placed among the great interpreters of the day) did not attract such houses, and it is doubtful if they were able to make expenses; but Backhaus' repertory is apparently without limit; he seems to have enormous powers of endurance, the utmost elasticity and plastique; a sweet, though not large or resonant tone; and he possesses a certain charm of poetic fantasy, though it might be wished



SIEGMUND VON HAUSEGGER,

The Frankfurt composer and conductor. His "Barbarossa" was performed successfully in New York some years ago.

that even here he would give a freer rein to Pegasus. He has an excellent impresario in the person of Herr Bock, who took the pains to make the public acquainted with Backhaus long before the concerts began, and here one might interpolate a few lines on the advantages of judicious advertising, with which Backhaus is well acquainted. He also seems to have gained the good will of the critics, who have almost without exception lauded him to the skies, even in points where the critics of Berlin, Leipsic and other places have not been in full accord, though, of course, recognizing his genius.

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Friedman is a pupil of Leschetizky, and has been, undoubtedly, the most important appearance in the piano world here this season, when estimated at his true value, for not only has he an astounding technic, even for modern requirements, but he has also a depth of poetical conception and a refinement of perception rarely seen. His pupil, Kamtschatoff, gave promise, as a very young debutant in the concert world, of becoming in time a great pianist. Especially in the Schumann "Carneval" he displayed a masterful technic and reproduced all the wonderful variety and characteristique of this chef dœuvre of Schumann in a manner that left no doubt as to the player's future.

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Friedman was followed by Slivinsky, another well known pupil of Leschetizky, who has always won well earned praise here, and is much thought of in Dresden. Though rather tired and worn from a prolonged concert tournée, he was still able to show all those genial characteristics which have rendered him famous. On the program was a novelty, a work of Paderewski, which is wanting in real musical impulse and invention, despite a rather pompous "Klang," and abounds in technical difficulties, which, though performed by such a great virtuoso as Slivinsky, could not produce more than a lukewarm liking for it. I speak of the "Variations and Fugue."

Perhaps the most individual pianist who has appeared here during the year was the Greek Lambrino, who at his first concert manifested especial Chopin proclivities. That he is not a one sided artist, however, was well demonstrated at his second concert, when the program contained works of Brahms, Beethoven, Grieg, Liszt and others. Possessing an individuality strong and marked, a true, deep musical nature, also strong virile power, he soon made it clear that he is universal in his mental and musical grasp of the world's greatest composers. His tone is large and vibrant, and then again of a velvety softness and charm, which together remind one of the Rubinstein type. All felt that another great pianist had been discovered, and enthusiasm at the close of his concert knew no bounds.

A still more modern product, whose playing gives no uncertain sound, is Dr. Mark Gunzberg, a pupil of Carreño and Emil Sauer, whose various appearances have stamped him as a master talent. His first concert proclaimed him an artist with what the Germans call the "grosser Zug," and this he has well borne out in the Liszt matinee, and in the concert for chamber music, which he gave later. He enjoys Sauer's patronage, and is likely to become popular in Dresden, where he has settled.

Two celebrated singers who appeared later in the season were Julia Culp and Tilly Koenen. Of the latter one cannot say too much in praise of such rare temperamental gifts; as are hers. She captivates her hearers by her great richness of charm, irresistibly compelling her audience to feel with her. Perhaps it is in the songs of her country, like those of Catherine Rennes, or in the songs of Strauss, that she excels, although it is impossible to choose between any of them, so fully able is she to impart the one desirable and happy note to each, that seems to set it apart as the very best, expressing with overwhelming power the sentiment of every song she sings. Of Julia Culp, I have only to repeat what I wrote on a former occasion, as to her high ability to throw herself wholly on the mental and spiritual side of her art. She is one of the chosen few who deserve to be ranked with the really great ones of the earth.

A concerto of Scholtz's younger period was heard in the Dresdner Musik Schule and in the Pedagogischer Musik Verein. An interesting work, full of beautiful lyrique, as well as of the maestro style of theme, and closing with a rondo allegro moderato which reminds one of Grieg's manner. Songs of Roth and Bochm were also sung.

Frau Boehm van Endert made her debut on Saturday in the Auber opera of "Maurer und Schlosser," or, in the French title, "Le Macon," which has been revived.

Luise Ottermann gave a most successful pupils' recital

Our Dresden composer, Noren, has just emerged triumphantly from a suit instituted against him by the publisher of Strauss' "Heldenleben," founded on the new laws for the copyright of melody. Noren had, in his "Kaleidoscope," made a citation of a famous theme from "Heldenleben," upon which he founded a movement, which he entitled "To a Famous Contemporary." The work, "Kaleidoscope," was performed at the great Tonkünstler Verein, which met in Dresden last year, with pronounced success, and the composer received the personal congratulations of Strauss. But the suit was begun with, however, this result, that it has been decided that a "motiv," or "leitmotiv," or "phrase," or "theme" cannot rightly be classed under the head of melody. Hence the "Kaleidoscope" will, much to the delight of all who have heard it, have a right to be heard again.

V. I. Clark's orchestral arrangements are receiving much attention from Olsen's orchestra, his setting of Grieg's "Heimwärts" having lately been performed at the Royal Belvedere. Mr. Clark shows great skill in his treatment of the different instruments, and in his exceedingly clever distributions of the themes between them. His orchestration is as original as it is beautiful. Alvin Kranich is soon to have No. 2 of his "Rhapsodien Americana" performed at the Olsen concerts.

E. POTTER-FRISSELL.

Vincent d'Indy delivered a Bach lecture in Brussels



24 LUITPOLD STRASSE, BERLIN, May 30, 1908.

Musical Berlin has been under Russian rule for the last ten days. The Imperial Opera Stagione from St. Peters-burg has been giving nightly performances at Kroll's Theater, and the Czar's ballet from the St. Petersburg Marine Theater gave exhibitions of dancing at the Comic Opera

varying mood. There is something quite ethereal about this exquisite creature. She was born for the dance. No wonder that she received an ovation! The Berliners are not used to seeing such fleetness of foot, such swing and rhythm. Among the most enthusiastic to applaud the prima ballerina were Dell' Era and Fräulein Kirschner, solo dancers of the Berlin Royal Opera, and Ruth St. Denis, whose Hindoo dances are now attracting much attention at the Comic Opera.

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Mlle. Pawlowa was supported by an excellent company. The first evening, Adams' old ballet "Giselle" was given; then followed national dances, some of them very funny; then a Hungarian dance, when the whole troupe did the Liszt second rhapsody with remarkable verve and impres-The closing number was a fiery Spanish dance, siveness. also rendered by the entire company. At the second per-formance the Spanish ballet "Pachita" was given; this is a pantomime, which gave the Russian visitors ample oppor-tunity to display their versatility. Their success was so great that they have been engaged for three more evenings.

The St. Petersburg Opera has not met with the success that would warrant such a great undertaking, for bringing this big troupe here has proved a very expensive affair. have to put his hand deep down into his pocket to make up the deficit, for the attendance has not been large. The prices are too high for the Berlin public (15 marks for a seat in the parquet), considering what is offered, and the management of the whole thing has not been advantageous To be sure, the Russian soloists have had to contend with many difficulties; the stage of Kroll's Theater is much smaller than the one they are accustomed to; the orchestra (the local Mozart Orchestra) is second rate, and is unfamiliar with the Russian scores; and it was impossible to bring all of the original scenery on account of the enormous expense involved. Even as it was, however, a much better showing might have been made if the stage management had been more competent. The two really greatartists of the company, Mesdames Kousnetzowa Shruewa, appeared but twice in ten days, while mediocre singers were repeatedly put forward. In spite of all these shortcomings, it has been very interesting to make the acquaintance of the standard Russian operatic repertory, and to see and hear how these singers from the Neva do

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On the opening night, May 20, Glinka's "Life for the Czar," which is considered the Russian national opera, was It happened that May 20 was Glinka's birthday. given. Glinka, the founder of Russian national music, began work







CHARACTERISTIC COSTUMES OF THE DANCERS IN THE RUSSIAN BALLETS WHICH HAVE SCORED SUCH EXCEPTIONAL SUCCESSES IN BERLIN.

opera troupe has met with a succès d'estime only, the dancers scored a great triumph. The Russians, no doubt, lead the world in this art today. The company, with Mile. Pawlowa, the famous prima ballerina, at its head, gave two entire evenings, lasting four hours each, of pantomime and These Russians employ the old style of regulation ballet technic; they offer nothing absolutely new, but the perfection with which they exercise their art baffles description. Mlle, Pawlowa, the star, is as fascinating a human butterfly as ever winged its way across the stage. Lithe and supple as a willow, not beautiful, but very attractive, with her large, dark eyes and her expressive features, she is the personification of grace and free and easy movement; her feet scarcely seem to touch the floor; she seems to float in space. She dances not with her feet and limbs only, but with her entire body, every muscle being brought into exquisite and graceful play. Her technical mastery over every phase of her art is astounding, and she seems to feel the music too, for her remarkable mobility of facial expression depicts to perfection its every

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Some of his pupils are: Earmy Destina, Royal Opera, Berlin; Maria Labia, Comic Opera, Berlin; Theodore Bertram, Royal Chamber Singer, Berlin: Bayreuth; Anne Worll, Caloratara Singer, Comic Opera, Berlin: Desider Zador, Baritone, Comic Opera, Berlin; Desider Zador, Baritone, Comic Opera, Berlin, Court Opera, Hanover; Minich; Williard Andelin, Bassist, Royal Court Opera, Hanover; Alfred Barutam, Heroic Tenor, Landes Theater, Prague, Royal Opera, Vienna; Desider Matray, Heroic Tenor, Royal Opera, Karisvuha and Bayreuth; Emmi Teleky, Coloratura Singer, Royal Opera, Dreaden and Vienna; Helene Hieser, First Altist, Theater an der Wien; Leona Ney, Royal Comic Opera, Budapest,

that have set all Berlin agog. While the much heralded The appearance in Berlin of such a large aggregation of on this opera while he was a student of composition under

artists was made possible only by the munificence of Prince Dehn in Berlin in 1833-that is, he sketched a part of the Zaretelli, the well known Russian art Mæcenas. He will music then, He finished the opera a couple of years later,

FRANZ EMERICH MAESTRO

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Wagner, had no conception of her husband's mission, worried the life out of him, and complained that "he wasted all his money for music paper." The première occurred at St. Petersburg in the presence of the Czar in December. 1836; the monarch called the composer into the Imperial box, complimented him warmly, and, what was more praiseworthy, made him a present of 4,000 roubles. deals with an episode in the struggle between the Russians and Poles in 1613. The hero is Iwan Sussanin, a peasant. The Poles are searching for the Czar, whom they intend to kill, and Sussanin, pretending to be in sympathy with them, promises to take them to him; but he leads them astray in the dreary winter forest, and they all perish in the cold, Sussanin sacrificing his own life in order to save that of the Czar. A love affair runs through the plot and there is a ballet, as, in fact, there is in every Russian opera, but the libretto lacks dramatic interest, and the action There is too much oratorio style. The music is melodious, harmonically simple, and easily understood. The orchestration is weak. The national coloring is by no means so apparent throughout the work as one would expect of an opera claiming the title of "Russian national opera"; the music is often quite Italian in character, the tenor aria in the second scene of the first act, in particu-This was the cast:

nino...Herr Petroff

This cast included the two stars of the company mentioned above. These two women are singers of the very first rank. Madame Kousnetzowa has a beautiful soprano voice of great range and unusual volume, and she sings with the temperament of the Magyar; in fact, her appearance is rather Hungarian or Italian than Russian. a most beautiful woman. A still greater impression was created by Madame Sbruewa, one of the finest contraltos of our day. This lady has a glorious voice, and her use of it, as well as her interpretation of the part of the orphan boy, showed her to be a consummate artist and musician. The other singers were of no special importance. tenor, whose style of singing is quite Italian, has good vocal material, but his voice sounds, as he uses it, too flat The orchestra was conducted by Kruschewsky, a rather oldish gentleman, who seemed to be familiar with the score, but he lacked enthusiasm and the power of inspiring the Mozart Orchestra, and this orchestra is very much in need of a little inspiration. Kruschewsky seems to be the only conductor with the company; at least, he has led every performance I have attended thus far.

M M M The following evening Tschaikowsky's "Pique Dame" was produced. This work was given by the Berlin Royal

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not without great difficulty, for his wife, who, like Minna Opera last year, but it met with little success. Tschaiwsky composed it at Florence in 1890. His own views of the work are expressed in a letter he wrote to his patron ess, the Grand Duchess Constantine Constantinowitsch: "I wrote this opera with exceptional rapidity, completing it in six weeks. Then I made the piano arrangement of it; it is possible that the 'Pique Dame' is a heartily bad opera, and it is very probable that I will hate it a year hence, just as I hate so many other works of my own, and yet it now seems to me that it is my best work, and that with this I have accomplished something like a This illustrates how little Tschaikowsky was capable of judging the value of his own compositions, for is far inferior to his opera "Eugen Onegin," "Pique Dame" with which the Russians have also favored us, and it is



MME. KOUSNETZOWA. Prima donna of the St. Petersburg Opera.

far removed from his great symphonic works. Tschaikowsky was essentially a symphonist; he was lacking in the dramatic force which successive writers of opera must have. Yet he composed no less than ten operas. The first performance of "Pique Dame" occurred in December, 1890, at the Imperial Marine Theater in St. Petersburg. Medea Fiegner, who created the part of Lisa, also sang it here last Thursday. Madame Fiegner is solo singer to the Czar; in her prime she must have been a great artist, but her voice is now passé; histrionically, however, she was admirable. This was the cast:

Countess
Lisa, her granddaughter
Pauline, her friend
Governess Madame Tuchomiroff
Mascha, servant
HermannM. Davidoff
Count Tomsky
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Davidoff, who sang the principal tenor role, has excel-

schooled; indeed, this appears to be the case with many of these Russian singers. This is briefly the plot of the libretto, which was written by Modeste Tschaikowsky, and founded on Puschkin's novel of the same name: Hermann is in love with Lisa, but he is too poor to marry. Lisa's grandmother, the old Countess, has made an immense fortune at the gambling tables, through her knowledge of the three mystic cards that always win. For this reason she was dubbed the "Pique Dame." Hermann gains access to the Countess' bedroom and hides there until the old lady retires. Then he appears at her bedside and asks for the secret of the mystic cards. The old Countess refuses to reveal it, and Hermann threatens her with his pistol. At this she falls dead at his feet. Lisa refuses to marry the murderer. At midnight the Countess' ghost appears and commands Hermann to marry Lisa, telling him to stake all on the three of spades, the seven and the ace of that suit. Lisa and Hermann meet at the canal, he loses his mind, and Lisa jumps into the canal. In the last scene Hermann sits at the gambling table; the ghost of the old Countess appears, and Hermann kills himself. Neither Modeste nor Peter Tschaikowsky arose to the dramatic opportunity of the text. The music, while often very charming and very refined, being exquisitely instru-mentated, lacks broad outline and continuity. The aria of Lisa before she jumps into the canal is the most effective number of the work. Madame Fiegner gave an admirable rendition of this, in spite of her vocal shortcomings. The Russian colony was out at each of these performances in full force, so there was no lack of outward Success

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On Saturday, Rubinstein's "The Demon" was given. This was the first time I have ever heard an opera by the Rubinstein wrote no less than great pianist. As is well known, it was the tragedy of his life that he received so little recognition as a composer for the stage. After hearing "The Demon" it is easy to understand why his operas have met with so little success. He, too, was lacking in dramatic instinct; there is altogether too much oratorio style in "The Demon," and there is a certain monotony in his mode of vocal and orchestral expression that becomes very tiresome. Yet "The Demon" is said to be far the best of Rubinstein's operas. There is much that is beautiful in the score and in the vocal parts, but there is also much dreary waste, and the work fails to hold the audience. Rubinstein wrote seven Russian and seven German operas. In Russia "The Demon" very popular. It is a romantic subject. The plot is, briefly, as follows: The Demon does not appear in human form as demons sometimes do, but in the traditional trappings of his Satanic Majesty. He is in love with Tamara. the heroine, and he wishes to possess her body and soul. But an angel opposes him. The two meet in a wild, ro-mantic, mountainous scene. Tamara is engaged to be mar-ried to Prince Simodal. The Prince, while on his way to Tamara, accompanied by a large retinue, is waylaid and killed by Tartars, at the instigation of the Demon. In the second act the wedding festivities are in progress in the palace of Prince Gudahl, Tamara's father. in this scene greatly distinguished itself. A Caucasian dance, given with great verve and rhythmic precision, called forth stormy applause and the demand for a repetition. Meanwhile, the coming of the bridegroom is impa tiently awaited. He comes, but as a corpse, brought in by his followers. Tamara, prostrated with grief, falls over his dead body, and at this juncture the Demon appears and tries to console her. This aria of the Demon haps the most effective number of the work. Tamara will have naught of him, however, and she goes to a nun-In the convent, too, the Demon, for whom walls and doors do not exist, appears, and he succeeds in con-quering Tamara; she falls into his arms, but at the same time she falls dead at his feet. The Demon prepares to lent vocal material, but it seems to have been badly take her soul to the lower regions, but the angel inter-

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cedes, and, like Margarethe, Tamara is borne heavenward. The cast was a weak one. The only part that was in adequate hands was the one of the Demon, which was inter preted by M. Tartakoff, a singer no longer young, it is true, but still possessing a soft, sympathetic baritone voice and a high degree of vocal skill. In fact, his voice seemed too sympathetic for the role of a demon, but Rubinstein has treated this part in a remarkably lyric manner. The singers were all heartily applauded and repeatedly called out and cheered at the conclusion. Next week I shall continue with the Russian performances, giving accounts of the productions of Tschaikowsky's "Eugen Onegin," Naprawnick's "Dubrowsky," and of any other works which the Russians may bring out.

In connection with the dedication of the Bach Monument, which occurred at Leipsic the other day, some interesting disclosures have been made concerning Professor Leffner's method of ascertaining what was the exact likeness of Bach. The great cantor was buried at Leipsic in 1750 in the old Johannis Kirchhof. As the ground of this cemetery was later utilized for building purposes, the grave disappeared and was entirely forgotten until 1894, almost 150 years after Bach's death, when it was rediscovered. bones of the immortal master were still in fairly good condition; they were interred in a vault of the Johannis Kirche and the place was marked with a bronze tablet. A Bach monument for Leipsic was then already planned and Leffner, assisted by Professor His, the distinguished anatomist, took Bach's skull and placed on it a layer of clay, as thick as the flesh and skin of an ordinary man would be; they were guided by several old oil paintings and sketches of Bach. Thus they made, with the original Bach skull as a basis, a face that must have looked very much as Bach did in life. From this mask Leffner created the face of the new Bach monument, and it is said to contain all the characteristics which are found in the authentic portraits of the master. In measuring the Bach skull, His and Leffner were astonished at the development around the temples, a very significant development for a musician.

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Etelka Gerster's advanced pupils gave a public operatic performance at the Comic Opera last Saturday, when several very talented young singers were introduced to the public. Scenes from Gluck's "Iphigenia auf Tauris," Tschaikowsky's "Eugen Onegin," Auber's "Mauer und Schlosser" and Thomas' "Hamlet" were given. In "Hamlet" Elfriede Gotte rendered the big mad scene aria in a way that justifies the most brilliant predictions for her future. She has a beautiful coloratura soprano voice, sweet and velvety, and remarkably flexible. She possesses a very marked degree of technical skill, which, indeed, this part She was stormily applauded. Other young calls for. girls, all of whom were heard to good advantage, Elsa von Beck as Iphigenia, Luise Huff as Orest in Gluck's opera, Lisbeth Paulin as Henriette and Lotte Kolitz as Bertram in Auber's almost forgotten work, and Rose Scho-



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verling as Tatjana in the second scene of the first act of Tschaikowsky's "Eugen Onegin." Miss Schoverling is an American girl, and she sang under distressing circumstances, having just received the news of the death of her father; but as there was nobody to take her part, rather than jeopardize the whole undertaking, which was given for a charitable purpose under the patronage of the Princess von Bülow, she bravely did her duty. She has a very sympathetic voice and marked dramatic ability, and she promises to become a singer of importance. The work of the chorus of girls in the Gluck and Auber numbers was excellent. The performances were conducted by Georg Vollerthun, who led the orchestra in a most able manner.

Dr. and Mrs. Muck have arrived in Berlin. I had an interesting chat with Muck the other evening at one of the Russian operatic performances. Excepting perhaps Madame Schumann-Heink, no European artist has ever ex-



MICHAEL IVANOVITCH GLINKA. Composer of "Life for the Crar.

pressed greater admiration and genuine enthusiasm for our country than Muck. He says he would rather live in Boston than in Berlin, and he considers the Boston post the ideal position of the world for a conductor.

The Eichelberg Conservatory gave its first public pupils' concert on May 23 in the hall of the Hotel du Rome. The program was made up chiefly of piano compositions by Beethoven, Grieg, Brahms, Mendelsson, Liszt and Chopin.

No less than seven pupils of Director Fritz Masbach were heard. A goodly array of talent was displayed and excellent schooling shown by Fräulein Felicitas Diamant, Herr Anton Meyer, Fräulein Else Solltmann, Hans Genschel. Fräulein Alice Blaschke, Fräulein Adele Hecht and Arthur White. Masbach, who, together with Paul Elgers, is director of the school, believes the piano to be an instrument to be played and not to be pounded. His pupils all have a sympathetic singing tone. There were also two chamber music numbers, namely, the first movement of the Brahms A major sonata for violin and piano and the two movements of the Beethoven E flat trio. In this Fraulein Hilde Fordan, a pupil of Paul Elgers, distinguished herself. She is a very talented girl.

The soloists thus far engaged for the Nikisch Philhar monic concerts for next season are: Mme. Schumann-Heink and Julia Culp, vocal; Teresa Carreño, Eduard Risler and Schnabel, piano; Fritz Kreisler and Henri Marteau, violin; Pablo Casals and Mme. Suggia Casals.

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Otto Lessmann accompanied the Berlin Liedertafel on its tour of the Orient. He gives an enthusiastic report of the trip and of the reception that the distinguished male choir received everywhere.

Otto Meyer, the young American violinist, will probably make a tour of the Middle West next season, although the matter is not yet definitely settled. He intends to spend the summer studying with Ysaye at Godinne.

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Hugo Kaun recently gave an afternoon musical, when several of his composition pupils were heard in works of their own. Walter Morse Rummel played his prelude for piano and Edna Darch, a sweet voiced girl, a member of the Royal Opera, sang six of his songs. Rummel is a very gifted youth, both for the piano and for composition; he has a good deal of originality and he ought to make his mark. Francis Hendriks, another young American pupil of Kaun, played a short, very pleasing piece of his own, entitled "Petites cloches dans la brum." Hendriks has a distinct lyric vein; he goes his own way, and does not concern himself much with the outputs of a Strauss and a Debussy. The two of his songs sung by Miss Darch, entitled "Resignation and "Flieder," also proved to be charming compositions. Hendriks, like Rummel, is an excellent pianist. Three of Kaun's most popular songs were sung by Lynn Hobart, a vocal pupil of Armour Galloway. Hobart has a beautiful lyric tenor voice and he sings with great warmth and intelligence. Three two part inventions by Dirk Fock, and played by him, also made an excellent impression

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Some mazurkas, valses and a scherzo by Stanislav Letovsky also revealed a decided talent; they were technically diffi-cult, but that signified little to his fingers.

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Franz Grunicke, for many years the principal organ teacher of the Klindworth-Scharwenka Conservatory, has been appointed royal Prussian professor.

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Richard Burmeister will conduct a summer class of piano playing during July and August at Wilhelmshöhe, a beautiful resort near Cassel.

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Felix Berber has accepted the post hitherto held by Mar-Geneva Conservatory. Adolph Rebner has taken Berber's place in Frankfurt at the Hoch Conservatory.

"Rienzi" was given at the Berlin Royal Opera last week for the one hundredth time. This is a pretty good record for the least popular of the Wagnerian operas.

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Hallett Gilberte in Burlington, Vt.

Hallett Gilberte, who is now at Lincolnville Beach, in Maine, sang recently at Burlington, Vt., winning as usual the warm approval of art lovers. The following paragraph is clipped from one criticism:

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Hallett Gilberte sang with great success last week in Burlington, Vt., his program being made up of songs by Schumann, Schubert, Massenet and Grieg, also a group of songs by well known Boston composers, including George Chadwick's "Allah," "Serenade" from "Ben Hur," by George L. Osgood; "Lydia," by Marguerite Lang; "Love Is All," Ella Chamberlain; "Lament," by G. L. Tracy, and an exquisite little song writen for Mr. Gilberte by Bruce W. Hobbs, called "A Resolve," and his own songs, "Youth," "Your Star," "There, Little Girl, Don't Cry," and "Spanish Serenade."

Schumann-Heink Sang "America" With Chorus.

FORT SMITH, Ark., June 12, 1908.
Some of the most interesting and important incidents are overlooked by those whose duty it should be to record them. Fort Smith recently had a \$5,000 music festival, with everything on a corresponding big scale. Two events at the festival are worthy of special mention. First, the Saturday matinee, at which 1,200 children from the public schools sang "Praise Ye the Father," by Gou-

nod, and a medley of American songs. As the youngsters began the strains of "Columbia" each child produced an American flag and waved it while singing. When "America" was reached, Madame Schumann-Heink, the star of the festival, arose and waving her handkerchief joined in singing the familiar tune. The children responded to the great singer's enthusiasm with more flag waving and other evidences of delight. At the evening concert the contralto sang, accompanied by Innes' Band, an aria from "Samson and Delilah" (Saint-Saëns), a long to be remembered number. She added the "Drinking Song," from "Lucretia Borgia," as an encore, E. N. M. Calve's Coming Concert Tour.

Emma Calvé is spending her summer at her Chateau de Cabrieres, in France. The prima donna will return to the United States about the middle of October to inaugurate her third concert tour, under the management of John Cort, manager of an important Western circuit of theaters. This tour will be limited to about twenty-five appearances, and will be under the sole direction of Louis Blumenberg, of the American Musical Directory, 437 Fifth avenue, New York City. The artists engaged to assist Mlle. Calvé will be announced later.

Excluding Patti, no prima donna has received higher fees



MLLE. CALVE'S CHATEAU IN FRANCE.

than those paid to the famous Calvé. The demands for the singer have been remarkable. Mr. Blumenberg states that he could easily fill one hundred dates for the coming autumn and winter, but Calvé could not be induced to accept so many engagements, for she is booked for a large number of appearances in other countries. This in all probability will be Calve's farewell concert tournée of Amer-She was never in better voice than now. No one will ever weary of her superb Carmen impersonations The performances of Bizet's immortal opera at the Manhattan Opera House last season, with Calvé as the star,

proved again that she (Calvé) was the greatest singer who appeared at that house during the entire winter,

Bonci's Triumph in London.

The following excerpts from the London press tell of Bonci's triumph at Covent Garden at his first appearance there. June 1:

The sweet flowing melodies and the light florid arias were par-ticularly suited to Signor Bonci's refined voice and finished vocali-zation. In fact, of all great tenors, Signor Bonci perhaps carries off the palm for consummate command of the technic of his art.

off the palm for consummate command of the technic of his art.

Every note he utters is so accurately placed and so beautifully produced as to he a delight to all who love the pure art of singing. For this one forgives him many a little display for the benefit of the gallery and his own popularity. But the gifted tenor's success last night was artistically as well as personally carned, and though the Italians in the house shouted themselves hoarse over the return of their countryman, the stalls were equally if less demonstratively appreciative.—London Standard.

He missed no point either of the melodious or dra-matic effect of the music, and gave no individual reading of the part that lacked either grace or dig-nity. He sang the duet with Gilda in the courtyard with good effect, and his special view of the part—a view that indicates careful thought and study—was the means of enabling him to give a reading of "La Donna e Mobile" that contained many new points of phrasing, but points which were always legiting phraning, but points which were always legitimate. He did not, as has of late been usual, sing the high B natural at the close, but he did so when, in response to the enthusiastic applause, he repeated it, and he, moreover, added an acciaccature on C aharp, which increased the effect of the note.—London Morning

Signor Bonci's interpretation of the part of the Duke is happily well known at Covent Garden, and on this occasion he did all the excellent things expected from him. Beauty of voice, an admirable method and rising to his greatest heights in "La donna e Mobile," house.—London Pall Mall Gazetté.

Signor Bonci was in admirable voice, and both in the duet with Gilda and in the final scene he roused the audience to great enthusiasm.—London Daily Ex-

Signor Bonci returns to Covent Garden in perfect voice and with his wonderful art quite unimpaired. He sang magnifecently throughout the whole evening, rising to his greatest heights in "La donna e mobile," which was inevitably encored.—London Globe.

The operatic May festival in Bremen attracted large and enthusiastic audiences. Among the works given were "Salome," "Les

Contes d'Hoffmann," the "Ring" cycle and ger." The conductors were Jäger, Pollak, and Brecher. The singers included Perron, "Meistersinger." Schillings and Brecher. Briesemeister, Van Dyck, Kraus, Edyth Walker, etc.

Theodore Spiering, the former Chicago violinist, whose home now is in Berlin, is teaching this summer at Heppenheim, between Darmstadt and Hiedelberg.

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. . . Three very interesting concerts under the management of Em. Rey were given by the Société Chorale des Instituteurs Tcheques. At each concert the Salle was crowded by musicians and amateurs, who received the visitors most enthusiastically. Though they have not the perfect "tone" of the Dutch chorus which visited us lately, yet these Bohemian singers are splendidly trained, and sang "à capella" from the works of seventeen different composers. In all, the chorus consisted of forty-eight or fifty members, whose wholesouled singing and devotion to their leader were a revelation to the light hearted Parisians. Their tone quality in forte passages was hard and dry, but in the quieter works the effects were very pleasing. An amusing feature of these concerts was the appearance of a gentleman at the beginning to explain the music we were to hear-and this in Paris! Is it necessary, or was it just a part of the general seriousness, which was remarkable throughout the concerts and gave the chorus an air of being unfriendly? This lecturer, to whom no one paid the slightest attention, was an odd figure and re-minded one of the bridegroom of a provincial wedding, dressed, as he was, with morning coat, white kid gloves, The old time stump orator's table even was not missing, and looked incongruous on the immense stage of the Châtelet; even the glass of water was not forgotten.

. . . A fine concert was given at the Théâtre de l'Odéon vesterday (Sunday) afternoon by the artist pupils of Paul Braud, of the Conservatoire, who are to compete at the examinations this year. They were assisted by MM, Garès and Verd, Premiers Prix of 1907, pupils of L. Diémer, and accompanied by the Conservatory Orchestra, under Georges Marty. Edouard Garès is already a man to reckon with; he has a marked individuality and a technic

that is astounding. His tempi in the "Fantaisie Hongroise" of Liszt made one hold his breath. He had a rousing success. Equally successful was Jean Verd in the first movement of the Mozart concerto in D minor. The purity and delicacy of his style and the almost caressing rhythm reminded one of Pugno, who is at his best in Mozart. Alexandre Cellier in "Introduction and Allegro," of Schumann, proved to be an artist of intellect and depth, and has all the technic necessary to carry out his fine reading of this work. James Whittaker in the "Adagio and Finale" of the Grieg concerto was perhaps a little nervous in the beginning, but his chord playing was re-markable; also his strong feeling for color, getting marked contrasts and giving a really personal interpretation. the fortissimo passages was noted a tendency toward hard

At the Trocadéro was given a grand concert by Alice Verlet, the brilliant star of the Opéra and Opéra Comique. The concert was one of the biggest and most varied of season, including among its attractions artists fro the Opéra, the Opéra Comique, the Gaité, the Comédie Française, and other Paris theaters; instrumental soloa double quintet of strings, a ballet pantomime, etc., besides the concert giver herself. This concert de gala was given under the patronage of Her Royal Highness the Duchesse de Vendôme, of Madame Leghait and of the Belgian Legation at Paris, and drew an enormous au-



(From Le Figaro.) "THE CLOWN," AT THE OPERA COMIGUE

dience, which filled the vast auditorium of the Trocadéro. Besides the assisting artists, most of whom appeared in favorite selections from their respective repertories, MIle. Verlet was heard in the "Prière" from "Laura" by Ch. Pons and a new song, "Abandonnée," by the same composer, the valse song from "Roméo et Juliette," the "Primavera" of Strauss (Johann) and the "Mad Scene" aria from "Lucia," followed by the glorious sextet, which, however, suffers greatly when produced with a weak piano accompaniment in place of an orchestra, as it was on this occasion; yet notwithstanding this lame manner of performance, the beauty of the sextet can never be wholly

destroyed, but the heroine's singing part becomes most fatiguing and difficult to sustain to the end, but Mlle. Verlet braved the situation wonderfully. Her superb singing of the "Mad Scene" aria was received with thunderous applause and deafening cheers. Mlle. Verlet appeared in splendid form and sang divinely. Her voice was bell like purity and her execution wellnigh perfect. hear this artist intends quitting Paris for a time to fill engagements abroad.

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Tonight, at the Salle des Agriculteurs, the talented and well known violinist, Elsie Playfair, will give a concert, accompanied by the Colonne Orchestra, under direction of Ed. Colonne. Her program, opening with an orchestral number, the overture to "Les Noces de Figaro," will embrace the violin concerto in D (No. 4) of Mozart, the Dvorák concerto for violin (op. 53); (a) "In Memoriam" and (b) "Danses suédoises," op. 63, both by Max Bruch, and ending with the "Mélodies hongroises" of Ernst. Undoubtedly this clever young artist will draw a large and enthusiastic house

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At the Institut Rudy, Avenue d'Antin, on Saturday afternoon, René Lenormand, the composer, conducted a concert of ensemble music, assisted by M. Salis, of the Concerts Lamoureux, and Mile. Lanquins, who sang songs by Debussy, Wolf and others. As M. Lenormand is indefatigable in his efforts to popularize the music of all countries, one naturally expected a varied program. Mary Weingartner played the Liszt transcription of the "Spinning Chorus" from the "Flying Dutchman," and later on the program, three valses (serious) of M. Lenormand, and both she and the composer were obliged to respond to the applause which followed. Selections from Beethoven and Wagner were finely interpreted under M. Lenormand's direction.

An interesting concert, consisting wholly of modern music, was given by Henriette Debrie, one of Pugno's most successful pupils. This young lady has acquired the clarity and strength of her professor, and still, ike most of Pugno's pupils, retains her own individuality. Her concert was given in the Salle Pleyel, which was crowded, scarcely standing room being available. Her numbers included "Iberia," of Albeniz; barcarolle, A minor, Moszkowski, and a sonatine by Ravel. In the prelude of "L'Après mide d'un Faune," by Debussy, which has been arranged for two pianos, she was assisted at the second piano by her sister, the well known piano teacher, who was also represented on the program by three charming compositions, which were delightfully interpreted by Suzanne Cesbron, of the Opéra Comique. The last number on the program was "Variations," by Mile. M. Debrie, which was enthusiastically encored.

. . . Minnie Tracey several days ago entertained, among others, at luncheon her friends, Yvonne de Tré-ville, of the Monnaie at Brussels, and Mme. Jacques Coini, who was formerly Fannie Francisca, and is

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now the wife of the genial Régisseur Général of the Manhattan Opera, New York. After the déjeuner, the hostess delighted her guests with various new Swedish songs and some others by Léon Moreau, accompanied by the composer, and Robert Moor, whose fine baritone voice has grown fuller during the past year, contributed "Vision Fugitive" and the prologue from "I Pagliacci," with Mme. Dousset at the piano,

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Among others in town are Lucien Wulsin, president of the Baldwin Piano Company, Cincinnati; Henry Russell, director of the new Boston Opera, and Maëstro Arnaldo Conti, conductor of the same company; Andreas Dippel, associate director of the Metropolitan Opera, New York, while Signor Gatti-Casazza is expected here in a few days; the American opera singer, Marie de Rohan, and her sister, Katherine de Rohan, also a soprano. N N N

Marc A. Blumenberg, editor-in-chief of The Musical COURIER, and Mrs. Blumenberg, his charming wife, have arrived in, or rather, returned to Paris, and taken possession of their handsome apartment in the Avenue Alphand, near the Bois de Boulogne.

. . Claude Albright, the American Kundry of the Savage Grand Opera Company, is enjoying a delightful sojourn in Paris; and Mr. Guardabassi, the new tenor, is back here after a successful experience in opera at Nice, with a batch

of favorable newspaper opinions in his pocket. . . .

Miss Rackemann, a talented and well known pianist residing in Paris, is returning to America this week for a short visit to friends on that side of the Atlantic.

Signor Edoardo Sonzogno, the Milanese music publisher, has been in Paris for some time.

Alan Dale, the New York dramatic critic, accompanied by his daughter, is visiting Paris. . . .

Le Figaro announces that Lulu Grau, only daughter of the late Maurice Ganne, of Paris. ter of the late Maurice Grau, is engaged to marry

At a recent musical reception given by the Princess Ruspoli at her beautiful apartment in the Palace Corsini of Florence, Italy, Frederick W. Wallis, an American baritone from Kansas City, who is studying with Signor Braggiotti, distinguished himself as the interpreter of a varied program of song, and was warmly applauded.

Adolph Borschke, the clever Viennese pianist, who, for several years, has been making Paris his home, has just returned from a successful trip to Cairo, where he played several concert engagements, in which the celebrated composer-pianist, Saint-Saëns, honored him by appearing in the same program; and from later engagements at Monte Carlo, where he performed the Saint-Saens concerto in C



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minor, with orchestra, conducted by M. Jehin. Borschke is leaving this week for London, where he has private engagements to play, though he may appear publicly before returning to Paris.

Hattie Louise Sims, a singer and teacher from Denver, Col., where she is the director of the "Tuesday Musical Club," has come to Paris to "brush up" the voice and enlarge her répertoire with new French songs. She will return to America in the autumn.

DELMA-HEIDE.

Zimbalist's Success in England.

Not long ago Zimbalist, the Russian violinist, played under the conductorship of Nikisch at the London Philharmonic Society's concert in the Queen's Hall. His number was the Tschaikowsky concerto, done in his usual brilliant style, which netted him eight recalls. The directors of the Philharmonic wrote to Zimbalist, congratulating him on his extraordianry success, which they alluded to as a "veritable triumph."

Zimbalist gave his own orchestral concert in London with the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by August Scharrer, of Berlin. He played the Beethoven concerto, and the London Daily Telegraph said:

The young violinist, Zimbalist, goes from good things to better, and never has he afforded more convincing proof of his powers than in Beethoven's violin concerto. Shunning, as is invariably the case with him, anything that savors of trickery, he gave a reading that was conceived in the truest classical spirit, a reading that was strong, broad, and earnest, and at the same time rich in deep feeling. Mr. Zimbalist gave further proof of his skill in some pieces by Glazounoff and Paganini. by Glazou off and Paganini.

The London Enterprise wrote:

The Beethoven concerto, calling, as it does, for such a peculiar combination of breadth and finish, and a quite undefinable quality of playing, is generally considered to be outside the range of any but experienced artists. But exception must be made in favor of Mr. Zimbalist, who seized the spirit of the music with masterly grasp, and the mellow beauty of his tone, lucidity of phrasing, and the artistic restraint were at one with the fineness of his conception.

On May 27. Zimbalist was invited as the guest of the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain, on which occasion all the notable English musicians and composers were present. Zimbalist contributed several solos, and was heartily congratulated by the president and the committee.

On May 28, Zimbalist appeared as the soloist in Birmingham at the Theater Royal at an orchestral concert, on which occasion he played the Tschaikowsky concerto. Ernest Newman, the famous critic of the Birmingham Daily Post, wrote as follows:

Mr. Zimbalist drew an enormous audience to the Theater Royal last night, and gave it some of the very finest playing that has been heard in Birmingham for some time. It is not wise to be too lavish in one's praises of a player until one has heard him several times, and in music or all schools; but Mr. Zimbalist made it clear enough last night that he is as richly, perhaps even more richly, gifted than any other young violinist of recent years, and that as ninterpreter at any rate of such music as Tschalkowsky's, he is in the very front rank. It is no compliment to him to say his technic is perfect, for no one has any right to appear in public as a

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violinist in these days without a perfect technic, which is mainly violinist in these days without a perfect technic, which is mainly a matter of good teaching and hard work when one is very young. But his tone is as fine as his technic—pure, ailvery, and at once delicate and full—and his intonation is faultless. He appeals chiefly to musicians, however, by the thoroughly artistic feeling that he puts into his playing. The Tachaikowsky concerto could be made to sound more brilliant and hectic than it was last night, but it could not be made to sound more purely beautiful. Mr. Zimbalist's cantabile playing is at once the most ear satisfying and soul satisfying thing one could wish to hear; I personally have never heard the melodies of the first and second movements given with such exquisite lyric quality. Mr. Zimbalist takes them all rather slower than other violinists do, sometimes slower even than Tachaikowsky has marked them; and he phrases so flexibly, and with such complete abandonment to the feeling of the moment, that a quaver on one page is frequently equal in time to a crotchet on the page beplete abandonment to the feeling of the moment, that a quaver on one page is frequently equal in time to a crotchet on the page before. Yet so perfectly is it all done that we never have the sensation either of undue slowness or of the slightest capriciousness of tempo. He has, in fact, the singing gift to perfection; a melody as he plays it is something to roll over and over on the tongue. This tendency to draw the melodies out and extract the last grain of savor from them may—though this, of course, is only conjecture—be a source of danger at other times and in some kinds of music. It is certainly a bias that Mr. Zimbalist exhibits very pronouncedly; even in the whirling finale, whenever there came a slight slackening of the tempo and a more definitely emotional note, he promptly turned on his vox humans stop, as it were, taking the passage more ing of the tempo and a more definitely emotional note, he promptly turned on his vox humans stop, as it were, taking the passage more slowly and singing it more fervently than other violinists do; and in the wretched "Witches' Dance" of Paganini, again, whenever there was the least chance to extract a particle of feeling from the silly stream of notes, he played with a depth of sincerity that for the moment made the stuff sound like good music. One would like to hear him in the Brahms or the Beethoven concerto. That he is a thorough artist was incidentally shown by the gravity he infused into his playing of so poor a thing as the Paganini piece. It has the proud distinction of being the most completely imbecile piece of music now performed in public; violinists all despise it, but they love to play it because its difficulties make it a consummate show piece. It was child's play in Mr. Zimbalist's hands, of course. Mr. Ronald and the band played the orchestral part of the concerto admirably—no casy matter when the soloist is so completely individualistic in his phrasing as Mr. Zimbalist is. istic in his phrasing as Mr. Zimbalist is.

So great was Zimbalist's success on the foregoing occasion that he was immediately re-engaged, to appear on Monday, June 1, on which occasion he was killed to play the Glazounoff concerto, "Abend-Lied" by Schumann and "Tarantelle" by Sarasate.

On May 30, Zimbalist had the honor to play to a packed house at the Royal Albert Hall, London. This concert was arranged in aid of the League of Mercy. Their Majesties the King and Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the British aristocracy were present. Zimbalist played with piano accompaniment (supplied by Landon Ronald) the "Othello" fantaisie by Ernst. Other artists who contributed toward the success of the program were Melba, Donalda, Holman, the cellist; Caruso (his only appearance in London this season) and Sammarco, from the Royal Opera, Covent Garden.

Hermann Klein's Sunday Concerts.

Hermann Klein has laid a sound musical foundation for the series of Sunday afternoon concerts which he will give at the new German Theater, Fifty-ninth street and Madison avenue, next autumn and winter. He has engaged the following ensembles of string players: Olive Mead Quartet; Flonzaley Quartet; Hugo Heermann Quartet, of Chicago; Leken Quartet, of Boston; New York Trio, and arrangements are in progress for the new Hess-Schroeder Quartet. This is a fine beginning. Naturally, singers of equal renown will be heard. Those desiring to subscribe may apply to the secretary, J. M. Priaulx, care of C. H. Ditson & Co., 8-10-12 East Thirty-fourth street, or to Hermann Klein, 154 West Seventy-seventh street.

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There has been much of interest at the Opera during the past week, beginning with the "gala" performance in honor of the French President. On this occasion Tetraz-zini and Melba both appeared, the latter singing the "Jewel Song" fram "Faust" in her customary artistic manner. The first act of "The Pearl Fishers" was selected for Tetrazzini, as it is said she considers the part of Leila one of her best roles. Friday evening "Madama Butterfly introduced Walter Hyde to London in Italian opera. He made an immediate success in the part of Pinkerton, again winning the favor he attained last winter in German opera. so it would seem that a valuable addition has been made to the ranks of leading tenors. All Mr. Hyde's work shows serious study, he is a capital actor, sings charmingly, and his versatility makes him a valuable addition to Covent

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Again Edyth Walker sang the part of Isolde at Covent Garden in a manner that brought further tributes of praise and enthusiasm, while Miss Destinn repeated former cesses. Putnam Griswold, the American singer, who is so well known in Berlin (where he is one of the members of the Royal Opera, sang the part of King Mark in "Tristan and Isolde" for the first time in London, a part that he greatly likes and that seems exactly suited to his Melba made her appearance on Monday night in "Rigoletto," the only time she will sing Gilda this season, while Bonci made his rentrée as the Duke. Three evenings are to be devoted to German opera this week, while "Armide" is promised for Saturday evening.

Outside of the opera, there is such a multiplicity of concerts, recitals, private musicales, at homes, teas, etc., that one lives in music from morning until midnight.

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The appearance of Madame Patti at the Ganz concert last week was made the opportunity of a tremendous ovation to the singer, and it is to be hoped that some of the younger singers were present to hear "Voi che sapete" and "Pur di cesti" sung. The list of those taking part was long: Madame Donalda, Madame Crossley, Ben Da The list of those taking part and vies, Gregory Hast, John McCormack, Edouard de Reszké, Hamilton Earle, Charles Ganz, Marie Tempest, Irene Vanbrugh, Charles Hawtrey, Lewis Waller, Margaret Cooper, George Grossmith, H. C. Tonking, Lady Bancroft, Hamil-

ton Harty, Adolph Mann and Wilhelm Ganz. Mischa Elman was the solo violinist.

Dvorák's "Stabat Mater" was the principal feature of the concert given by the Handel Society last week.

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Lady Hallé was the soloist at the Wagner concert by the Queen's Hall Orchestra, playing Mendelssohn and Spohr numbers.

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So much has been written and said in the United States about the young baritone, Cecil Fanning, that detailed criticism of his first appearance in London would only be a repetition of compliments and congratulations. Equally at home in lyric and dramatic music, his interpretations are quite above what could have been expected from so young a singer; in fact, his readings are seldom equalled by singers now before the public. His program at his concert was arranged to cover a wide field, but he was equally at home in the classical and modern German, in the French "Vision Fugitive," the pathetic "Turn Ye to Me," which had to be repeated, and the group of lighter English songs that closed the program. Fanning

CECIL FANNING.

fortunate in having so sympathetic an accompanist as H. B. Turpin; the two musicians are in perfect accord and sympathy, and it is almost as one mind controlling both voice and instrumen

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The concert performance of Ethel Smyth's opera, "The Wreckers," brought out an immense audience that filled every part of Queen's Hall last Saturday evening.

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first and second acts were the ones sung, as it was not found practicable to give the third act in an abridged form. Thos who took part were Blanche Marchesi, Miss El-Tour, John Coates, Mrs. George Swinton, Hamilton Earle, G. Bowden and H. Rahke, the latter a pupil of Victor Beigel. The story is laid in the middle of the eighteenth century, and the scene is the Cornish coast, where the extinguishing of the lighthouse lamp on stormy nights brings about wrecks, the principal means of subsistence of the inhabitants of the village. Beacon fires prevent the desired wrecks, and when Thirza and Mark are discovered lighting these beacons, they are condemned to death. The opera is based upon a few themes, that of the wreckers, the horn signal, Cornish tune, revival theme, Thirza's, Pascoe's, choral and the final theme, the first act opening with the revival hymn, and closing with the wreckers' subject, the revival and the finale themes intermingled. The overture of the second act was heard recently at one of the London Symphony Orchestra concerts, and the second hearing deepened the excellent impression made. The second and third scenes of this act are devoted to a love scene between Thirza and Mark, and were impressively sung by Madame Marchesi and Mr. Coates, the enthusiasm at the close being prolonged, with calls for every one taking part. In Mr. Nikisch's hands, with the London Symphony Orchestra under his com a fine performance was expected and attained. were recalls for the singers, while Miss Smyth and Nikisch were loudly demanded. It is unfortunate that we cannot hear the work in its entirety, as the choruses were only indicated at the concert, and, of, course, the omission of the entire third act left matters incomplete. Will America be more progressive than England in the matter of producing the complete opera?

At the invitation of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the League of Mercy gave a concert of unusual attraction at Albert Hall on Saturday afternoon. The King and The King and Queen were present, and the fact that Melba and Caruso were among the singers will be sufficient to indicate what an important event this concert was. The hall was packed and, in fact, no hall was sufficiently large to hold all those who would have liked to be there. Caruso was received by the King and Queen in their box, and when the King referred to the loss to music lovers in Caruso's absence from Covent Garden, the tenor assured His Majesty that it was only temporary, and that he hoped to appear there later.

ere have been many orchestral concerts this spring. and William Willis, a newcomer to London, gave his first concert on Monday afternoon with the London Symphony Orchestra, under Nikisch, who made his last appearance for the season upon that occasion. Fortunately, it is only "auf wiederschn." Mr. Willis played Rubinstein's D minor concerto and Schumann's in A minor,

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Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid were present at the concert in aid of the scholarship fund of the Society of American Women in London, last week, and there were many well known Americans present. The organist, who played short program before the concert, first intoned the Spangled Banner" upon the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Reid, afterward adding "God Save the King." Every one stood during the latter piece, as it is more familiar than the American air, which did not seem to be recognized as a

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national American air by many of the audience. Mischa Elman was the bright, particular star, his playing being of special interest, as is always the case wherever he appears. Three Americans took part, Clara Clemens, John Powell and Genevieve Ward, Dr. Lulek, Mme. Bokken Lasson, Tilly Koenen, Goerges Mauguiere also contributed to the

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The singing of the Cologne Choral Union was greatly enjoyed. The voices are admirably balanced, and there was delicacy in their interpretations. The audience was most enthusiastic, and the second concert will probably attract a large audience.

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At his second recital last Thursday evening, Ossip Gabrilowtisch opened his program with Bach's "Italian' concerto and ended with Schumann's "Carneval." His fine playing, his individuality, his interpretations, his delicate touch, all the charm that was found in his first recital this season, were enhanced by the second hearing, and it is again a matter of regret that this young artist is not oftener heard in this city. He is a master, and the close attention of the audience, which included many of the best musicians of London, showed the interest and pleasure felt. The three pieces of his own composition were as much enjoyed as those he played at the previous recital, while group of Chopin numbers and the "Elegy" by Daniel Gregory Mason filed out a most interesting and successful evening. One of the leading critics said of him recently: "There is certainly no denying that he is far more liberally endowed with those qualities which go to make a fine pianist than are many of his conferes. There is in his execution that fine mastery over the keyboard, and in his interpretations that individuality and grasp upon the inner meaning of music which no merely mediocre pianist can

boast, and which stamps a man a real artist." Katharine Goodson, who in private life is Mrs. Arthur Hinton, wife of the English composer, whose piano con certo, it will be remembered, she produced in America last winter, returned from that country about six weeks ago, and is leaving for Australia early in July, which gives her a very short time in which to see her friends in London. Last Thursday afternoon she gave a large reception at her charming home at St. John's Wood, which was well attended, about two hundred and fifty guests being present. Miss Goodson's house and garden are splendidly suited for a large party, and as the day was balmy, the garden was a delightful place from which to listen to the musical program rendered. The studio, where Miss Goodson received her guests, is a large room opening directly on the garden; there is a raised platform across one side, where the two grand pianos are placed, and it is admirably suited for a musicale. The program was, as was sure to be the case in so musical a household, one of great interest, and, as is not always the case at a private musicale, was listened to with close attention. There were many artists present, and among those who were invited and who contributed to the program were: Marie Brema, Clara Clemens, Ada Cross-ley, Marie Nicholls, Olga Samaroff, Beatrice Langley. Susan Strong, Antonia Dolores, Edith Miller, Ossip Gabrilowitsch, Charles Clark, Señor Arbos, Charles Bennett, Lionel Tertis and many others. Miss Miller included in her songs three or four of the French-Canadian boat songs, which have been set to music for her; they are always a delight and are constantly asked for when Miss Miller sings, as she has, of course, the only right to them. Charles Clark, who is in London for the "season," introduced five new songs by Charles Bennett, which are still in manuscript. They will not long remain unpublished if the verdict of those who heard them is endorced. They were given a fine interpretation by Mr. Clark, who also sang some German songs, "Ich Grolle Nicht" being one of them. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers, those in the dining room, where tea was served, being of a brilliant flame color; they were all sent up specially to Miss Goodson, from Allington Castle, the country house of Lady Conway. Among those invited were: Lady St. Helier, Lady Colthurst, Margaret Lady Waterlow, Sir Martin and Lady Conway, Lady Nottage, Mr. and Mrs. Moberly Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Beit, Mrs. G. E. Buckle, Miss Chappell, Beatrice Harraden, Mrs. Frank Higginson, Mrs. Matersdorf, Mrs. Dillwyn Parrish. Miss Goodson gave her only London concert at Queen's Hall vesterday afternoon, this also being her farewell appearance

followed immediately by her third American tour. With the assistance of the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Emil Mlynarski, she played the Brahms concerto in D minor and the Tschaikowsky in B flat minor.

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Kussewitzky's second orchestral concert last week attracted a large audience to Queen's Hall The program was devoted exclusively to Russian music, with Glazounoff's overture, "Solennelle," as the opening number. This was followed by what was perhaps the chief feature of the program, Basil Kalinnikoff's symphony No. 1 in G minor. This young composer died at the early age of thirty-one, and it was the first time the symphony had been heard in this country. It made a deep impression, and thanks are due Kussewitzky for giving the opportunity of hear-The two men, the composer and the conductor, were fellow students at the Philharmonic Conservatoire at Moscow. The evening was really an eventful one, for the



NORAH DREWETT. Enjoying her vacation in the country

Russian composer, Rachmaninoff, was the solo pianist, play ing his own concerto, No. 2, in C minor. a hearty welcome, and the audience showed its appreciation of his playing by demanding extra numbers, to which he responded by playing two of his preludes. ductor, Kussewitzky has established himself firmly with the same public who last year were so charmed with his solo work on-the double bass. Both as soloist and director he is sure of a welcome whenever he visits us. M. M. M.

On Friday afternoon the violin teacher, Professor Auer, of St. Petersburg, conducted the London Symphony Orchestra, at the concert of his pupil, Kathleen Parlow. Professor Auer will remain in London for a few weeks.

. . Miss El-Tour, the pupil of Madame Nikisch, who made her London debut on Saturday afternoon, and who sang again the evening at the concert performance of "The Wreckers," is a Russian who has appeared with great success on the Continent. Her recital was largely attended, and there was much enthusiasm, which was continued after the program was ended, and two additional numbers demanded. There are not many singers who have the command of six languages, but Miss El-Tour sang Italian, French, German and Russian, adding an English and French song as encores. Among those who congratulated

before sailing for her first Australian tour, which is to be the singer upon her success were Madame Nikisch, Elena Gerhardt, Tina Lerner, and many personal friends.

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Ernest Sharpe's third recital was devoted to Northern European composers-Sibelius, Enna, Lange-Müller, Heise, Grieg, Tschaikowsky and Sinding. Of the twenty numbers sung, four were "for the first time in London"; they were Sibelius' "Und ich fragte," Heise's "Sonnenuntergang" and Sinding's "Herbst." As historical recitals, those that Mr. Sharpe is giving have great value for the student and musician. Much time and study have been spent upon the programs, all of them of great interest. His repertory is a large one, consisting of over 500 songs, a great number upon which to draw for programs in the present and the future. When in Germany he "looked over" a couple of hundred songs, new to him, and made selection of those suitable for his purpose. . . .

At the second recital given by Dohnányi, Hungarian pianist and composer, and Dr. Hassler, baritone, the latter sang five new songs by Dohnányi, which were heard for the first time in London. "Ich bin ein junger Lenz-hussar" and "König Baumbart" are sure to be heard again.

. . Under the patronage of H. R. H. Princess Alexander of Teck, a concert was given at Stafford House last week. The Princess showed her appreciation of the program presented by remaining until the end. Blanche Marchesi. Marie Brema, Miss Janotha, Mrs. Landon Ronald, Edith Miller and Ben Davies were among those who sang, while Zimbalist was the solo violinist, playing two of Sarasate's Spanish dances, as well as his "Introduction and Tarantella"

Stafford House was again the scene of a charity con cert, when the soloists were Theodore Werner, Harold Craxton, Violet Elliott, Maurice d'Oisly, Mrs. Tobias Matthay, David Zeldenrust and Alys Bateman. Miss Bateman sang "Pleurez mes yeux" from "Le Cid" and an "April Song" by Ernest Newton, besides joining with Mr. Zeldenrust and Maurice d'Oisly, in the trio from "Faust."

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The most important recital that the Misses Eugenie and Virginie Sassard have given in London took place last Tuesday evening at Aeolian Hall. Each year these interesting singers have made great and notable advancement in their art, and the concert of last week was the best and the most interesting of all. The program was one worthy of being reproduced at length, containing as it did duets that have not often been heard here, certainly not heard as the Misses Sassard sing them. All the duets were by Schumann, with the exception of the first one, which was "Caro, piu amabile belta," by Handel. It was beautifully sung and made a fine impression of the artistic advancement achieved. The nine Schumann numbers—"Herbst-lied," "Schön Blümelein," "Liebe Mühle," "Mailied," "Erste Begegnung," "Liebesgram," "Botschaft," "Abend-stern" and "An die Nachtigall"—were sung with great artistic finish, the young singers having been coached in

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them by von Zur Mühlen, who is an authority for Schumann, Schubert and all the German school. For her solos Miss Eugenie Sassard selected numbers by Siögren. Paderewski, Saint-Saëns, Schubert and Xavier Leroux, in which her well trained voice showed to excellent advantage, the Leroux song being particularly enjoyed. Miss Virginie Sassard also did six songs, three in French and three in Garman, Rameau, Saint-Saëns, Benjamin Godard, Grieg. Brahms and Loewe being the composers drawn from. Miss Sassard's voice seems to have gained much in power during the past year-in fact, it was a matter of general remark that never had the sisters sung better or been heard to greater advantage than at their last recital. The audience was most enthusiastic from the beginning to the end of the program, and after the recital was over a large number of friends and acquaintances congratulated and complimented the singers personally. They are looking forward with much pleasure to their return to the United States next autumn, and will have an increased repertory for their tour, which is already well booked in advance. The two press notices added will show what leading critics of London thought of the recital:

The close attention which the Misses Samard have given to the The close attention which the Misses Sassard have given to the difficult art of singing duets is meeting with its reward; the concert they gave at Aeolian Hall last evening was exceedingly well attended. These singers, whose efforts have already met with a large share of appreciation, both public and private, have widened their repertory. Last evening they sang some of the delightful duets of Schumann with admirable identity of expression and unanimity of phrasing, with the added charm of light and shade, and also imparted variety to the program and demonstrated each their individual capabilities by singing solos.—Morning Post.

At the Acolian Hall, last evening, Eugénie and Virginia Sasard, who not long since returned from a successful tour in the United States, gave one of their pleasing vocal recitals, which afforded manifest enjoyment to a large and sympathetic audience. As forded manifest enjoyment to a large and sympathetic audience. As usual, their program presented many interesting features, and was admirably varied, several well chosen duets being sung with delightful finish and refinement. The talented artists exhibited, too, a welcome increase in ability to impart tone color, which considerably enhanced the musical value of their efforts. Of the duets, Schumann supplied no fewer than nine, and the two ladies were particularly happy in their treatment of "Schön Blumelein" and "Mailled," both these charming pieces being given with agreeable neatness and animation. Handel was drawn upon for "Caro, più amabile beltà," from "Julius Cæsar," which, likewise, was ably interpreted. As soloist, Eugénie Sassard, who has a well trained and flexible mezzo soprano vòice, achieved success with Xavier Loroux's "Le Silence," and two melodious and interesting songs by Mr. Paderwski, entitled respectively, "Ton Cœar est d'Or Pur" and flexible mezzo soprano vôsce, achieved success with Xavier Leroux's "Le Silence," and two melodious and interesting songs by Mr. Paderewski, entitled respectively, "Ton Cœur est d'Or Pur" and "Naguère." She also selected examples by Schubert, Saint-Saèns, and Sjögren. Virginia Sassard, whose voice is a light soprano, also chose her songs well, these including an air from Rameau's opera "Hippolyte et Aricie," Saint-Saèns' "Pourquoi rester Sculette," and Grieg's beautiful "Im Kahne."—Daily Telegrapn.

Mrs. Horatio Connell gave a very enjoyable "tea" last week in honor of her friends, Miss Adams and Mrs. Bryan, two Americans who have resided in Frankfort for some years. There were many Americans present, among them

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being Mrs. and Miss Griswold, the wife and daughter of Putnam Griswold, the American singer, and Mrs. and Miss Farjeon, daughter and grand-daughter of Joseph Jefferson. Mr. Connell has been singing at several recitals in town recently and also at Birmingham, and will be heard at some of the Promenade concerts this summer.

Leon Rennay, who had been in America for the past year, is again in London, where he has a large number of friends. He is busy with many private engagements, and is making plans for a return to America, when he will make another tour, this time going as far west as the Pacific Coast.

Miss Culp is giving a series of three recitals, the first one having taken place last week.

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Willy Burmester is again in London, his sixth annual occurring yesterday afternoon.

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Helene Staegemann's second recital was given last evening, the program being devoted to German, Scandinavian, French and English folksongs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingo Simon are always at home to their friends on Sunday afternoon, and a number of interesting people may always be met there. Last Sunday, after tea had been served in the drawing room, there was a move made to the garden, which is a delightful place to spend the pleasant hours of a summer day. Among their guests on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. R. Forrest Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Connell, Leon Rennay, Mrs. J. Edgar Rudge, Gertrude Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fox, Miss Adams and Mrs. Bryan.

The musical program at the reception given by Theodore Holland at his residence in Wimbledon to Alexander Heinemann and Marie Dubois, was devoted principally to German music, with several of Mr. Holland's compositions and some French numbers. Mr. Heinemann, who was in fine voice, created a furore. His pupil, Mrs. Lewis Avery North, made quite a success, especially in the Loewe song. Mr. Heinemann and Mrs. North were also heard in two duets, and sang a scena and duet from "Troyatore."

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Florence Turner-Maley sang a program at the residence of one of the South American ambassadors the other evening, and was engaged to appear there whenever returns to London. Just-previous to leaving for Paris Mrs. Turner-Maley gave a tea, at which there were a number of Americans present.

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Emile Sauret must have been pleased with the warm welcome he received last Monday evening, when he ap peared at Bechstein Hall with Miss Crow in a vocal and

violin recital. Miss Crow, the vocalist, was unfortunately unable to do herself justice in her singing, as during the afternoon, from the excessive heat, she was attacked with laryngitis; she, however, made a brave attempt to carry out her part of the program, and, in spite of everything, showed that she possesses a beautiful voice of sweetness and power. Two of MacDowell's songs were on the program, and general regret was expressed that she could not have been heard under better conditions. Sauret played first Spohr's concerto in A minor and the audience was unwilling to let him leave the stage. He was recalled so many times that one lost count. Afterward he played his own "Andante and Caprice," when the enthusiasm was even greater.

N N N Liza Lehmann entertained a few friends yesterday at her residence in Prince's Park. During the afternoon Philip Simmons sang one of the tenor solos from "In a Persian Garden," and Miss Hardy was heard in some of Mme. Lehmann's "Bird Songs." Cecil Fanning and Mr. Turpin contributed a large share to the program, song after song being demanded. Four Shakespeare songs, with musical settings by four composers, and one from "The Vicar of Wakefield" were among his selections.

Death of Blind Tom.

After many fables about his life and talents, Thomas Greene Bethune (Blind Tom), the negro freak pianist, died in Hoboken, N. J., Saturday, June 13. He has been reported dead many times, but the reports were usually followed by contradictions, to serve in advertising another appearance. The real age of Tom is unknown. He was born on a plantation near Columbia, Ga., some fifteen or twenty years before the Civil War. His parents were slaves of Gen. James N. Bethune, and the little black boy with the strange musical genius took the name of his father's master.

Axel Shevgaard in Scandinavia.

Axel Skovgaard, the Danish violinist, is meeting with exceptional success in Norway and Sweden. May 4 Mr. Skovgaard played for the Danish King, and negotiations are pending for appearances before the Norwegian and Swedish kings. Mr. Skovgaard has been engaged by Alfred Landesker, manager, for a series of sixty-four concerts through the summer at fashionable resorts in Ger many, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark In August Mr. Skovgaard will fill twenty-seven engagements in Denmark, several being booked for the celebrated North Cape, where people go from all over the world to view the midnight sun.

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"resonant," "powerful," "unusually even," etc., together with a splendid physique, Mr. Scott has demontsrated his admirable fitness, not only for oratorio, but for the opera as well. Several times Mr. Scott's voice has been compared with that of Plançon, and Messrs. Ferrari and Dufriche, of the Metropolitan Opera House, have remarked upon the close resemblance in quality to the organ of that great artist.

Mr. Scott's engagement as one of the assisting artists with Caruso on his concert tour last month was the direct outcome of his unqualified success in the parts of Ramfis in "Aida," Mephistopheles in "Faust" and Plunkett in "Martha," which he sang with the Philadelphia Opera Company last season. Mr. Conried sent for him, in the hope that he might know some of the roles in which Mr. Journet was scheduled to appear. The time was too brief for him to prepare these roles (the principal one being Leporello in "Don Giovanni"), but the management was so impressed with his voice that it deemed it expedient to engage him for the Caruso concert tour.

A thorough American, Mr. Scott has received his entire vocal and operatic training from Oscar Saenger, of New York, who predicts for him a great operatic career, for in Saenger's opinion he has a rare combination of gifts for this work, being endowed with special histrionic ability as well as vocal skill.

Always a careful and conscientious student, Mr. Scott has never failed to inspire assurance and satisfaction wherever he has sung. On an occasion of his appearance with the Handel and Haydn Society, of Boston, Philip Hale said: "Mr. Scott sings with understanding."

Mr. Scott is acknowledged to be one of the best singers of the "Messiah" in this country, and has had successful appearances in oratorio and concert with the principal societies of Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Cleveland, Washington, Worcester, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Rochester, Montreal, Columbus, Buffalo, Detroit, Richmond, etc., etc.

During the coming season Mr. Scott will devote his time to oratorio, concert and recital work, and will be under the management of Henry Wolfsohn.

Following are some of Mr. Scott's recent press notices:

CARUSO CONCERT TOUR.

The program opened with an interpretation of the aria "Piff, Paff, Piff," from Meyerbeer's "Les Huguenots," by Mr. Scott, who has a voice rich, mellow and rotund, and possessing much warmth of color. Mr. Scott sang the Serenade from Goundod's "Faust' and was accorded enthusiastic plaudits.—Ohio State Journal, Co-

Henri G. Scott led off with the aria "Infelice," from "Ernani," in which he displayed a rich and vibrant voice. His style was easy

and charmingly unaffected, his conception flowing and musical in the extreme. The unique thing about his work was the absolute purity of intonation—a purity to which the biggest bassos in the country do not attain. Scott struck the core of the note—gave the real heart of the melody every time.—Cleveland Plain Dealer,

Henri G. Scott, the basso, was a notable addition to the program, and sang the Serenade from "Faust" and "Infelice" from "Ernani" with splendid musiciauship.—Buffalo Courier, Buffalo, N. Y.

Henri G. Scott in his two arias did excellent work. His voice and style are of the virile and robust order. He gave Mephisto pheles' eerenade from "Faust" with excellent sardonic coloring.—Cleveland Press, Cleveland, Obio.

Henri Scott is the possessor of a splendid bass voice, rich and unusually even, and he sang with success an aria from "Ernani" and the serenade from "Faust."—Union and Advertiser, Roches-

Henri Scott's basso rivalled any heard here in recent years; the singer actually accomplished the three octaves in the famous serenade of Mephistopheles from "Faust."—The Gazette, Montreal,

IN ORATORIO.

The bass, Mr. Scott, has a voice whose equal we have seldon the name, Arr. Scott, has a voice whose equal we have setum heard. He is an admirable oratorio singer, a master in the art of phrasing and expression and his interpretation of the part left nothing to be desired. His range is remarkable, and in the familiar passage, "Creeps with Sinuous Trace, the Worm," his breath control was simply astonishing.—Democrat, Philadelphia, Pa.

Henri G. Scott, bass, is a masterful singer, with many resources. His voice is big and mellow and he understands the subtle intricacies of shading like a true artist. He has a mastery of breath control, and surmounts the big difficulties of Intricate chromatic pasages with an ease that is delightful. He did some of his best singing in the asia "Why Do the Nations Rage" and "The Trumpet Shall Sound."—Daily News, Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. Scott, a newcomer, has a voice of rich quality and great

Mr. Scott, who made his first appearance at these concerts, has good voice, and he sings with understanding.—Herald, Boston,

Henri Scott, the base, has a fine, flexible voice and he uses it with discretion. He sang the difficult "Why Do the Nations" with splendid vigor,—Pioneer Press, St. Paul, Minn.

Of the imported soloists, Scott, basso, was the star. He has a large, though not obtrusive, voice, of vibrant, yet mellow quality. His rendering of "Why Do the Nations Rage" was effective without being blatant and noisy. Scott was an agreeable surprise.—Cleveland Press, Cleveland, Ohio.

The part of Mephistopheles fell to the lot of Henri G. Scott, who proved that he was a lucky choice. Mr. Scott gave to the part authority and distinction, acting it capitally, varying with effects of diabolical cunning, humor and dramatic force. His voice is a fine bass of power and resonance, and his vocalism is that of an artist. Altogether, his interpretation of Mephistopheles compares

favorably with those of many more famous singers who have appeared on the Academy stage. -Evening Bulletin, Philadelphia

One of the newcomera in the cast, Henri G. Scott, as Mephisto-obeles, proved to be a valuable acquisition—a real devil of a fel-ow on the stage. He looked the part, for one thing, and infused nto Mephistopheles' mocking music a dramatic quality, vibrancy and stirring sonority that were highly effective.-North American, Phila

Of the cast, Mr. Scott, as Ramfis, the High Priest, was the most successful in voice, his strong and rich basso being able to carry above the rest in the ensemble passages, and he presented also ost dignified priestly figure.-Evening Telegraph, Philadelphia.

Henri G. Scott was an excellent Plunkett, seting with dashing effectiveness, and singing the drinking song with a gallant spirit and vocal resonance that shared the solo honors of the evening with the ballad of the belated rosebud, brightly blooming in single blessedness.—Public Ledger, Philadelphia.

Schumann-Heink Ends Tour.

Madame Schumann-Heink closed her tour for the season in Burlington, Vt., on Wednesday evening, and yesterday returned to New York to consult with her manager, Henry Wolfsohn, on her plans for the future, which principally consist of her long European tour, as contemplated for next year, commencing in October. Madame Schumann-Heink will sing only a few concerts here next season, and they will be late in September and in October, one of which will be the inaugural of Brooklyn's new Academy of Music on October 1, and the remainder in New England. Madame Schumann-Heink will spend the summer with her family in Singac, N. J., excepting for ome concerts she will sing during July and August in Ocean Grove, Norfolk, Conn., the Indianapolis, Ind., Sängerfest, and a festival in Winona Lake, Ind.

The past season Madame Schumann-Heink has traveled 36,068 miles, singing before a public of nearly 175,000 people, which aggregated nearly \$250,000 in paid admissions. She sang 130 concerts, twelve of which were for charity; visited ninety-six cities, traveling in thirty States and in the District of Columbia. Madame Schumann-Heink would not say what her net earnings for the year had been, but her personal representative, William Rapp, said they were more than \$100,000.

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At the annual dinner of the American Guild of Organists, May 25, held at the Café Lafayette, the name of Carl received special complimentary mention. The reason for this unusual tribute was discussed in several musical assemblies in New York and other cities, and not a colleague envied the lucky and courageous Carl for the honor paid him. He was specially honored at the feast of the organists because eleven applicants for admission to the Guild this year are pupils of the Guilmant Organ School, of which Mr. Carl is the director. The seventh annual commencement of the school took place at the "Old First" Presbyterian Church, Thursday evening of week before last, and diplomas were awarded to fourteen graduates. It was a happy night for Mr. Carl, for it was the largest class presented for graduation in the history of the school.

As at previous commencements, Mr. Carl himself was a factor at the exercises. He was in the organ loft the entire evening, turning leaves for the players, and pre-sided himself at the instrument for the vocal number, magnificently sung by André Sarto, baritone, from the

Metropolitan Opera House. A program of such length places the critic in a dilem-Individual review is out of the question. although several of the young organists richly merited such distinction The greater the musichn the more will marvel at such program. Read it over, ye who live on musical lightness. sixteen organ numbers there are compositions requiring the skill of the virtuoso of experience. Throughout the performances, so far as the acute car of the writer could detect, there was not a single slip, and very few defects of any kind. Technically, some of the playing was marvelous. worthy of the most exacting-metropolitan standards. Musically. there was likewise much to excite miration. Truly, here

the training of organists has reached a plane of excellence that was deemed impossible of attainment in America a few years ago.

The work of educating organists at the Guilmant School attracting attention in the Old World. Certainly, in the European schools the training could not be more thorough. First of all, each student must show that he and she has a good general education and a sound musical foundation. Should these be lacking, talented students are soon compelled to take a course that will give them the knowledge they lack. "Thoroughness," "Thoroughness," and again, "Thoroughness," is the keynote, and all must conform to it. Thus, the results have been amaz ing, for students of the Guilmant Organ School are filling lucrative positions in churches throughout the land, and a number have also become teachers highly esteemed in the cities where they reside.

The commencement program, which follows, is the best illustration of the musical scholarship of those who studied under Carl

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Teresa Weber, '08.

Allegro con Fuoco (Sixth Sonata).............Alexandre Guilmant
Harry Oliver Hirt, '08.

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Alice Gordon Don, 'o8. William Wolstenh

Edward Boyd Smack, '08. Toccata in E min

ne Marjorie Tucker, '08.

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r. Brooklyn; Oscar J. Fuchs, San Many organists visiting New York have attended ses-

sions at the Guilmant School. Prince Nicholas of Greece has composed a symphony for flutes after motifs found in Frederick the Great's compositions for the same instrument. Nicholas, like the famous ancestor of the Kaiser, is an expert flutist and often plays for royal relatives and friends. Other royal composers are Princess Henry of Battenberg, whose songs and piano pieces are much esteemed; Prince Joachim Albrecht of Prussia, a composer of comical ditties and waltzes; Archduke Frederick of Austria, who has composed number of love romances, and who plays no less than e musical instruments

Bonci sang with success at the Vienna Opera in the roles of Don Ottavio ("Don Giovanni"), the Duke ("Rigoletto"), and Rodolfo ("Boheme").

Johann Strauss' ballet "Cinderella," planned for production at the Vienna Opera this spring, has been postponed until next season

Anton Rubinstein's oratorio "The Lost Paradise," very rarely performed, had several productions in Germany recently. The work is melodious and effective and its neglect seems most unaccountable

Alexander Birnbaum, former conductor of the Lausanne Symphony Orchestra, has been engaged as leader at the Berlin Opera Comique.



GUILMANT ORGAN SCHOOL, GRADUATING CLASS, . 908.

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The chaplain of the school, the Rev. Dr. Howard Duffield, who is traveling in Europe for eight months, sent to each member of the graduating class a handsome souvenir from Florence, Italy, with his congratulations on the success of the year at the school.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held Friday afternoon, June 5. The annual dinner took place at the Café Martin, followed by a theater party at Daly's. The class also had several celebrations last week, terminating with an excursion up the Hudson to West Point. The president of the class for the coming year, Harold Vincent Milligan, will substitute for Mr. Carl at the 'Old First" Presbyterian Church during the summer Mr. Carl will sail for Europe the end of June, and while abroad will pay a visit to his old master, Alexandre Guilmant, at the Guilmant villa, Meudon, France.

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Why do so many inland daily newspapers have a department headed "Art and Music"? Is music not an art?

FELIX WEINGARTNER has been elected unanimously to the position of conductor of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra for next season. He will retain his post as head of the Vienna Royal Opera, of course.

"Some of the chorus singers at the European opera houses are paid thirty-one cents a day," says an exchange. Judging from some of the chorus singing we have heard abroad we should say that the sum paid is just thirty cents too much,

THE 1908 report and catalogue of the Louisiana State Museum at New Orleans, gives on pages 29, 32, and 33, a list of Gottschalk mementoes owned by William L. Hawes and loaned by him to the institution, and also a list of mementoes donated to the Museum at his solicitation, by Mrs. Clara Gottschalk Patterson, a sister of the famous pianistcomposer. The articles include the original manuscripts of several Gottschalk works, autograph letters, busts, medallions, photographs, and souvenirs of his concert trips in America and elsewhere. A detailed description of the Gottschalk collection was given in THE MUSICAL COURIER some two seasons ago, and it is well worth a visit on the part of any musician passing through New Orleans. The links in the historical chain of our native music are very few and that supplied by the pianism and compositions of Gottschalk played their due part in our artistic development as a nation.

THE engagement at the Metropolitan Opera of Herbert Witherspoon for leading basso roles is an event of really national artistic importance, for it signifies the intention of the new Metropolitan management to give American singers every possible chance for competition with foreign opera artists. This is the first time a native concert singer ever has been engaged for "star" roles at the Metropolitan, and aside from that flattering fact, the financial inducement offered Witherspoon is such as to encourage the belief that an era of hope is at hand for all good American vocalists, male or female, so far as the Metropolitan Opera is concerned. Witherspoon has firm faith in the operatic abilities of his compatriots, and says that their achievements with the Savage Opera Company proved them to be more hard-working, ambitious, and versatile than the imported operatic article. At the Metropolitan, Witherspoon will sing such roles as Gurnemanz ("Parsifal"), Landgraf ("Tannhäuser"), Mephistopheles ("Faust"), and the King ("Lohengrin").

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The general service of the paper to advertisers, independent entirely of the editorial and critical departments, will continue, as usual, for such publicity as is due to them.

"Offenbach, though a musical buffoon," writes Henry T. Finck in the Evening Post, "was a great admirer of the classical masters. Apropose of the revival of his 'Orpheus' at a Paris theater, a few years ago, the Journal des Débats recalled the fact that Bach, Handel and Beethoven were his daily food at home, and that Gluck's overtures were constantly produced by him during the intermissions while he was conductor of the Théâtre-Français. It is related that Offenbach once devoted a whole evening to playing Bach to the opera composer, Limnander. His colleague was amazed at what he heard. 'That's grand!' he exclaimed; 'but you ought not to make this music known to the public. There is much in it that we might utilize in our own works,"

THE usual summer brass band at Central Park has been replaced this season by a full orchestra, and the first concert took place last Sunday before 10,000 listeners. Judging from the enthusiastic applause, those croakers were put to shame who had predicted that a New York open-air audience would not accept the refined strains of the strings in place of the customary blatant blare of the brasses. The program contained a "Choral and Fugue" by Bach, "Bohême" fantasie, "Mignon" overture, "Forging the Sword," from "Siegfried," and "Coronation March," from "Prophête." It must be confessed, too, that "The Merry Widow" waltz was not lack-

In the letters of Wagner to his first wife, Minna, recently published, there are several interesting passages concerning the composer's opinion of England and English musicians. Wagner was the conductor of the London Philharmonic Orchestra for a time, and he wrote of its members: "These gentlemen play pretty well, know their instruments correctly, and do everything that is set before them, but-like machines, like Geneva automatic music machines. They never vary their dynamics, and consequently cannot well play louder and softer, as occasion requires. These Englishmen will always remain leathern fellows (lederne Kerle), and I would rather rouse a German dance musician into displaying some fire than one of these uninteresting fellows." We are unable to judge whether or not the English orchestra players were "leathern" in the year 1855 (when Wagner conducted the London Philharmonic), but we can vouch quite confidently for the fact that they are not "leathern" in this year of grace, 1908. The representative London orchestras are on a par with the best organizations of similar size and scope to be found anywhere in the world, and the great German, Austrian, Italian, and

French, and other foreign conductors who have led the English orchestras in London endorse most enthusiastically the foregoing verdict of THE MUSI-CAL COURIER. This is the time and place, too, to set down the dictum, that from personal acquaintance we know the average English orchestral player, who has taken a full course at any of the large London music schools, to be by far a better educated man, musically and otherwise, than his confrere in a similar position at New York, Berlin, Paris, Vienna, Milan or Brussels. Nearly all the English orchestral players we have ever met are also thoroughly acquainted with the operatic and instrumental solo literature, are able to play the piano and accompany thereon, are thoroughly conversant with chamber music and are excellent performers thereof, have a wide and practical knowledge of harmony and counterpoint, and usually play another orchestral instrument beside the one which they make a specialty. Better than all else, when they belong to a first class symphony orchestra, they seem to feel some pride in their positions, and some corps d'esprit, for they are never found degrading themselves to the level of mechanics and making music for hire at midnight restaurants, at hotels, picnics, balls, cricket games, political parades, colored cakewalks, variety shows, and on pleasure steamers and roof gardens, at grocers' excursions, and in beer gardens, rathskellers, and dime museums. If all the orchestral players of other places are able to show the same record as the London musicians we would like them to send us their names, and we will publish the list.

BACH REDIVIVUS.

In the Trenton True American, of June 8, appeared this short notice:

The pupils of Charles Wesley Pette will give a piano recital next Saturday afternoon and evening in the Y. M. C. A. hall. They will be assisted by Miss Raymond Hutchinson, contralto, Lester Bingley, baritone: Lillian Case, piano soles, and John Sebastian Bach.

Two days later, June 10, the True American printed this letter, and headed it, "One On Us":

Editor True American:

In a short item mentioning a piano recital by my pupils to take place at Association Hall Saturday next, a slight occurred that for the benefit of your readers desire to correct. The statement is made that one John Sebastian Bach will appear on that occasion. I regret to announce that Mr. Bach is dead and is, no doubt, strumming on a golden harp in "Jerusalem, the Golden"; so he will not appear in person at my recital.

J. S. Bach left to his sorrowing friends several composition said to be of some merit, among which was one known as "Concerto in the Italian Style." It is this composition that is to be played by the young lady mentioned in your note of yesterday. Of course, we are all sorry that the late lamented Bach cannot be present with us, but we trust his composition may meet with an appreciative reception. Thanking you in advance for this correction, Respectfully yours, CHARLES W. PETTE.

This bears out our oft-expressed contention that most of our American newspaper writers are able to give offhand the complete pedigree of John L. Sullivan, the boxer, or "Honest John" Kelly, the gambler, or John D. Rockefeller, the millionaire, but they flounder painfully when asked suddenly to state even one biographical fact about John Sebastian Bach or John Brahms. The music section of any American daily newspaper is generally the most despised department of the publication on the part of its editorial and business staff-and usually, rightly so.

"Music makes the hair grow," says the Herald. Strauss is almost bald, if that proves anything. Of course, the opposition will claim that Strauss' works

THERE was once a foreign pianist who played an American piano without being paid for it-but we have not been able to find him,

The Music Methods of Louis Arthur Russell.

Very few writers on the subject of music study in its branches have recorded such activities as Arthur Russell, director of the Metropolitan Music Schools, of New York City and Newark, N. J.

branches of music study, to which Mr. Russell has devoted his professional life of over a quarter century, are the voice, the piano, and musical theory, with frequent essays into the field of public class and public school work as tributary to the studio and conservatory work of the average students' course of instruction.

The publishers who have issued the pedagogic works of Mr. Russell are the well-known houses of Oliver Ditson, G. Schirmer, Theodore Presser, Luckhardt & Belder, and the Essex Publishing Company. Besides these houses some of Mr. Russell's compositions have been issued from the press of J. H. Schroeder. Some idea of the productive activities of Mr. Russell may be gotten from the following list of works issued during the past four years by these houses from the pen of this author:

BOOKS FOR SINGERS AND SINGING TEACHERS.

"The Commonplaces of Vocal Art" (Ditson)),
"English Diction for Singers" (Ditson),
"The Essential Practice Material for Singers" (Luckhardt &

d. "The Body and Breath in Singing" (Luckhardt & Belder).
e. "Psychic Reflections for Singers" (Easex Publishing Co.).
f. "Plain Talk with American Vocalists (Easex Publishing Co.).

The following comment from the Springfield Republican ams up clearly the estimate of these works among teachers and singers through the country.

Mr. Russell's works are (or would be were they generally read by those who presume to teach) destined to revolutionize a large per-centum of the imperfect work in voice teaching that appears now the rule rather than the exception throughout the country. I would earnestly call attention to the works and methods of such a th instructor as Louis Arthur Russell, who for so many years has stood for all that is in the van of progress in vocal education. Coming it touch with the work of such a conscientious and cultured spirit is a once inspiring, enlightening, dispelling (as such experience must in evitably do) the mists of egregious misunderstanding, all effected

Among the comments from all sources commen these works are letters from the heads of various colleges and private studios now using the Russell methods. The following notes concisely sum up the universal opinion of the Russell process of piano study as set forth in the above treatises and text-books:

WORKS FOR PIANO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

"A Practical Course in Piano Touch and Technic." a volumes

b. "First Steps in Reading and Interpretation." 3 grades (Luck-hardt & Belder).

ardt & Belder). c. "Rhythm and Accent in Melody" (Luckhardt & Belder). d. "A Manual of Hand Culture for Pianist" (Luckhardt & Bel-

e. "The Varieties of Piano Touch" (Luckhardt & Belder).
f. "The New Duvernoy," 101 Pedagogic Varianta on Duvernop. 120 (Easex Publishing Co.).

Mr. Russell has written a series of works thoroughly modern and fully exhaustive.—The Advertiser.

A great work, a vade mecum for every conscientious, honest, piano teacher.

appeals to me as the most concise work I have ever seen.
Schmidt, organist and pianist, New York. It a

THEORY AND SINGING CLASS BOOKS.

a. "The Embellishments of Music" (Theo. Presser).

omments: Your book is the best of all its class.—A. J. Goodrich.

It is the best I have ever seen -- Prof. G. C. Gow. Vassar Col. The book will become the standard authority for America and agland.—The Music Review, Chicago,

"How to Read Modern Music. A Solfeggio Course" (C.

This book is carefully prenared and is fully up to the time is worthy the careful attention of every musician and teacher,

It is worthy the careful attention.

N. Y. Tribune.

c. "A Popular Course in Sight Singing and Musical Theory for Adult Students" (Essex Publishing Co.).

A most welcome addition to the list of books for singing classes.

—J. S. Curwen, London, Eng.

d. "Problems in Time and Tune and Choral Leaflets for Adult

see" (Essex Publishing Co.).
In preparation, "The Rational Study of Time in Music. The aries of Vocal Science."

This forms a long list of works from the pen of one author and bespeaks an extreme activity on the part of Mr. Russell, who, while "making" all of these books, has conducted two music schools, in Carnegie Hall, New York, and Music Hall, Newark, N. J.; has been a constant contributor as editor, correspondent, and essayist with the prominent publications of the country, also as conductor of a symphony orchestra and an oratorio society, and organist and choirmaster in a popular church (the Peddie Memorial) known for its elaborate choral services

Russell has also been identified for many years with the Music Teachers' National Association and as president and active member of the New York State Music Teach ers' Association: he is also a member of the Council of the American Guild of Organists-all of which declare the activities of the man and musician to be of an unusua'.

BALTIMORE.

The choristers of St. David's Church, Roland Park, gave a concert at St. David's Hall May 20, under the direction of Loraine Holloway. The composers on the program vere Gounod, Schumann, Pearsall, Bach, Sarasate, Fanning, Raff, Haydn, Nevin, Sullivan, Adams and Bishop. The choir roster includes Masters Polk, Magoun, Owens, Pope, Houghton, Mott, Knighton, Turner, Knapp, Brounwell, Akers, Dryden, Hennick, Stollenwerell, Price, Dicky, Patton, W. Knighton, Free and McAllister, and Messrs. weaver, Geger, Carr, Mott, T. de C Ruth, F. S. Ruth, W. N. Ruth, Dixon, Arnold and Dr. L. M. Parsons. choir had the assistance of H. C. Miller, violin, and C. H. Hildebrandt, cello.

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Pupils of Stephan Steinmuller gave their closing recital at the Lyceum on the night of June 8. Those participating in the program were Verona Klemm, Forestine Gough, Bessie Philpot, Alice Sloman, Florence Salomon, Lula Grissitt, Leonette Schreger, Edna Brown, Elizabeth Schumaker, Irene Brown, Ada Clark Webster, Annie Stanton Cox, Elizabeth Hammond Thomas, the Lyra Ladies' Quartet, E. M. Norris, J. Elmer Martin, Walter Pentz, J. W. Scott and F. M. Supplee; Mrs. Steinmuller was at the piano.

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Harry Moutaudon Smith presented his vocal pupils in recital at Lehmann's Hall, Tuesday evening, Those who assisted the young vocalists were J. Zech, vio-lin; A. Feurtmaier, cello; W. Pritchard, flute; J. Ziegler, clarinet; F. Feldman, cornet. Mr. Smith's laughter, Marie M. Smith, played all of the piano accompaniments. names of the singers follow: Hazel E. Bennett, Edith M. Burton, Daisy Passano Erdman, Ada Marie Erd-man, Anita Fetting, Elizabeth W. Jimison, Norma Lillian Koop, Ernestine K. Langhammer, Alice Ginn Sherbert, Ethel R. Seltzer, Louise E. Weyforth, Lemuel Cooksey, Stanley G. Erdman, Louis A. Kiehne, John J. Duffy, Jr., James M. Price, Harry Rettberg and B. Stuart

A stated meeting of the General Alumni Association of the University of Maryland, of which THE MUSICAL COURIER correspondent is president, prevented him from attending the annual performance of David Melamet's opera class at the Academy of Music, Thursday evening, June 11. Mr. Melamet is one of Baltimore's most talented musicians, and he is preparing many of his best pupils for their life vocation. The second act of Mozart's 'Don Giovanni" and the second act of Bizet's "Carmen' were given with full orchestra and stage accessories. The Baltimore press spoke highly of the cast, special interest being manifested in Frederick H. Weber, one of Baltimore's foremost tenors. The others in the cast were Mrs. G. W. Wall, Mrs. R. Schafter, Edna Tschudy, Katherine Gemmill, Annie G. Baughler, William G. Horn, James Blake, R. F. Fleet and M. Crouver. B. M. H.

GREATER NEW YORK.

Earle Albert Wayne, who has recently returned from Europe, opened a summer class for pianists and students at his Carnegie Hall studio, Monday, June 15. The ses sion will continue until September 15.

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Edith Milligan King, pianist, and William Grafing King, violinist, were the artists engaged to assist the vocal pupils of Arthur Claassen at the recital given at Arion Hall, Brooklyn, Wednesday evening, June 10. The program opened and closed with Wagner numbers. "Messengers of from "Rienzi," sung first, and the nuptial strains, Faithful and True," from Lohengrin," as the finale, included the following singers: A. Dressel, Lilian Funk, Martha Gisel, Millie B. Koempel, Katherin Loerch, Edith Magee, Lillian Mann, B. Meyer, Annabelle Oberst, Adeline Louise Schippers, Ida A. Schmikl, Maliz Wagner, and Amelia Zechiel. The remainder of the program was made up of classic lieder and modern songs, and excerpts from favorite operas.

A testimonial concert will be given to Henry F. Hard, organist of Christ Church, Bay Ridge, Friday evening, June 26, at the Bay Ridge Club, Seventy-second street and Second avenue, Bay Ridge, L. I. The following artists have volunteered to give the program: Elizabeth Boyd, soprano; Lena Little, contralto; Francis A. Weisman, tenor; Livingston Chapman, basso; Carl Venth, violinist; Lottie Davidson, viola, and Mrs. Carl Venth, accompanist Mr. Hard has been ill for three months. He has been the organist at the Bay Ridge church for twelve years, and has long been one of the noted school principals of

"Alessandro Stradella" was a decided success at the Vienna Royal Opera recently. Bruno Walter led the performance.

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MARY BRECHEISEN

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Gertrude Stone, a pupil of Godowsky and Barth, and now recognized as one of the leading teachers of Denver, Cel., is an enthusiastic exponent of the Dunning ideas, using the system in her studio.

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Cornelia R. Keep, the Berlin (Germany) representative of the Dunning system, is a graduate of the Conservatory of



GENEVIEVE BISBEE.

Music connected with the University of Southern California. Miss Keep also studied with Carreño, and other teachers abroad. She has had excellent success in Berlin, as well



CARRIE LOUISE DUNNING.

as in America. Miss Keep has planned to spend next year in Washington, D. C., teaching the Dunning system.

Mary Brecheisen, one of the prominent teachers in Kenton, Ohio, is another successful exponent of the Dunning system in the Middle West. Her demonstrations of the work have attracted wide notice.

Madge Patton, organist of one of the influential churches in Los Angeles, Cal., has a large class at her studio, and she, in addition, teaches the Dunning system at the Uni-



GERTRUDE M. STONE

versity of Southern California. Her demonstrations have received warm endorsements of the critics.

Gertrude Paine, another prominent teacher of Los Angeles, with a following among the most conservative people, as well as musicians, is showing, by her results, the difference between superficial study and the real teaching of the Dunning system.

Marian Hale Poler, for some years one of the leading Mirnie Cueesman, who studied with several European teachers of Rochester, N. Y., recently gave a recital, in

which her young pupils, trained by the Dunning system, distinguished themselves. It was said that no teacher in Rochester ever presented a class of young pupils to such advantage. Some of the little players had studied less than one year.

Genevieve Bisbee, one of the foremost exponents of the Leschetizky method in this country, also a pupil of Barth, and Martin Krause, of Berlin, is one of the first Dunning



GERTRUDE PAINE.

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themselves endorsements that will be read with universal interest here as well as in Europe. Some letters follow:

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MINNIE CHEESMAN.

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(Signed) PROP. THEODOR LESCHETIZKY.

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XAVER SCHARWENKA,
Royal Professor, Senator of the Royal Academy of Art.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE, DRESDEN, Germany, December 21, 1904.

Deer Mrs. Dunning:

I would like to thank you very warmly for having given me the opportunity of learning something of your system for imparting

isical instruction to the young. I have never listened to anymusical instruction to the young. I have never instead to any-thing simpler or more luminous. The ideas incorporated in your system recalled, not the work of any one man, but the work of teacher after teacher, in subject after subject, out of my own past. It is as though you had caught what might be called the genius, the characteristic best in the work of many teachers, and have made it your very own. You have not despised the old; it is all made it your very own. You have not despised the old; it is all there, and yet it is all new. Your method of teaching time, the manner by which you make the pupils appreciate it, your method of acquiring concentration, are that of making famous musicians, their works and their lives bousehold words in the mouths of the mothers of the future, and taking them all in all, the best of which I have any knowledge. Such a system needs neither to be adver-tised by prodigies nor their work. It will appeal to all who have any pity for the heavily burdened children of our day, but yet de-sire to see those children well informed and accurate in all they say and do. For after all, the best thing that can be said for your sys



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tem is that it is in fact a training for life-many sided life-through

music.

I trust your work will become widely known; it is all that is necessary to secure its success. Yours very truly,

JOHN F. LOGIE, President of Franklin College, Dresden, Germany.

The following extract in taken from a Washington, D. C., paper:

While it may have taken some little time for teachers to realize the scope and depth of the work done by Carrie I. Dunning, re-sults prove that the system originated by this clever woman is unique in showing what can be done with very young children. That Mrs. Dunning has won success for herself all along the line, That Mrs. Duning has won success for herself all along the line, notwithstanding the number of kindergarten methods in vogue, is not to be denied. As a fact the chief difficulty with which Mrs. Duning had to contend was the prejudice which existed against a certain so-called "method" and which had been proved of so little value that some school principals were chary of investigating any further system. It was not until Mrs. Dunning demonstrated how far removed was her invention from any other that she was able to overcome the prejudice. Throughout her career Mrs. Dunning has shown conclusively that her work is the result of serious thought, study, and musicianship. It is now known throughout the country,

the last city to be visited being Washington, where Mrs. Fairbanks irs. Taft were patronesses of the lectures given by Mrs. Dun-In fact, Mrs. Taft, who is exceedingly musical, expressed repest interest in the work. The audiences were the most repand Mrs. the deepest interest in the work. The audience resentative seen at a Washington musicale in a

Here is another extract from an article written by one of the most able critics in New York State, and published in the Rochester Post Express, Saturday, March 31, 1906:

The spectacle of a little girl of nine or ten writing out, in public view, as though it were the simplest matter in the world, the scale of A sharp minor, is one to make many grown up persons stare and gasp. They could no more do it than they could resolve a difficult view, as though it were the simplest matter in the world, the scale of A sharp minor, is one to make many grown up persons stare and gasp. They could no more do it than they could resolve a difficult enharmonic riddle, or worry out the truth of a harmonic progression through a bad case of false notation. Yet the children who took part in the open class day under the direction of Marian Hale Poler and her assistant, Helen Murray, in their studio in the Bentley Building, did it, and they only began to study last fall. How is that? The answer is simple. They had been properly instructed. Mrs. Poler took up the Duning system; she has tried it thoroughly and knows it is good both in theory and in practice. This sounds like a gratuitous advertisement of a particular way of teaching. Well, it may be so. If the system is good for the children, it must be good for the parents, and what is good for both young and old is a matter of public interest and cemes directly within the purview of any newspaper that has an artistic conscience. If some other teacher will come forward with results that are better than those produced by the Duning system, he or she will receive the same encouraging publicity that is now given to Mrs. Poler. It is for the benefit of the community that they should know that children are learning to think musically.

Of course, many teachers instruct their children to build scales according to rule; but the practice is by no means invariably followed. It is all simple enough; yet how few people can do it. It they come across a scale with a bristling array of sharps or flats, they have to run the eye carefully over the signature, and, if the key be minor, they usually start out not knowing what accidental the music may bring forth. This, of course, its very natural. But it is not musical. Old John Sebastian Bach always used to insist that his pupila should understand what they were playing. He carried out the idea thoroughly, too, for those were the days when a musician was held of no account if he could

hieroglyphs.

There were older people in Mrs. Poler's studio on Thursday who would give a good deal to be able to do what those children do

Harold A. Loring, the pianist and instructor, formerly at Limestone College, Gaffney, S. C., has been engaged as director of music at the Knox Conservatory of Music, in Galesburg, Ill.

Heidingsfeld's operetta, "The New Conductor," had a favorable reception in Dantzic

Berlioz's "Requiem" had a notable performance at Mann-

Weingartner's music to "Faust" was done in Weimar.

Coming Tour of the New York Concert Company.

Walter R. Anderson announces a long tour for the New York Concert Company this coming autumn and winter. The members of the company are: Caroline Hudson, so-Pearl Benedict, contralto; Cecil James, tenor; Frank Croxton, basso, and Eleanore Stark-Stanley, pian-The company has been booked for one week in North ist. and South Carolina during October, a week in Pennsylvania, three weeks in the far South, two weeks in Michigan, and a week in Ohio. Mr. Anderson also announces that he will manage Agnes Gardner Eyre, the pianist, next season. Miss Eyre has appeared with orchestras, and has made tours with Mme. Schumann-Heink and Kubelik.



SILHOUETTE OF OTTO MEYER.

This is an excellent likeness-profile of Otto Meyer, the American who will make a tour of the United States next season e management of Haensel & Jones.

Carreño has been visiting Naples and other Italian cities.

Eugen d'Albert has been made a member of the Stockholm Academy of Arts.

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MUSIC IN THE MIDDLE WEST.

St. Louis, June 11, 1908.

Charles Galloway gave his second semi-annual pupils' recital last week in St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Two vocalists were on the program. The music played was by Bach, Saint-Saëns, Alex. Guilmant, Stainer, Buck, Mac-Masters, Bibl and Saunders. The pupils were William Rushing, of Charleston, Mo.; Agnes Porter, Peoria, Ill.; Amanda Graebe, of East St. Louis; Ruth Davis, of Parsons, Kan.; Mary Pemberton, S. Dak.; and Lucy Hinch-cliffe, George Henry, Mr. Nieder, J. D. Parry, George Cibulka, of this section, with Lee Miller, a kinsman of Mr. Galloway, already an artist, in preparation to go abroad. The latter played a "Wedding March," by Guilmant, with the color, accent, punctuation and rounded conception that have made his teacher famous, and which, with the other work ir, the class, prove Mr. Galloway to be a superior teacher as well as an artist. Other promising pupils in the organ classes are Miss Ross, of Springfield, Mo.; Mr. Biber, Evansville, Ill.; Bertha Siebel, Hannibal, Mo.; Miss Niolon, Aberdeen, Miss., and many from the city and suburbs. Mr. Galloway is director of the Apollo Club, of St. Louis, teacher of organ and harmony in the Forest Park University and the Strassberger Conservatories, and makes art work of that of his choir. N N N

Among St. Louis musicians who have been attending the Creatore concerts are the following, accompanied by families and friends, many returning several or consecutive times: Marcus Epstein and A. I. Epstein, of the Beethoven Conservatory, with professional artists and leaders in social and music circles; E. R. Kroeger, president of the bureau of programs of the Exposition music work, head of the Kroeger School of Music and of the music department of the Forest Park University, and concert pianist and lecturer; Charles Galloway, director of the Apollo Club, of St. Louis, and organist; Ernest Prang Stamm, of Boston and Berlin, head of his own school of music and director of string trio; Alice Pettingill, director of the piano school of that name; Victor Lichtenstein, head of his own violin school, of his string quartet, first violin of the Symphony Orchestra, a devotee of the Creatore music; Charles D. Geer, of New York, vocal professor and choral director in St. Louis; William J. Hall, from the International School of Music, London, a singer and teacher; for his school of music and interesting work for the com-Madame J, Palmer Grunwald, pianist and teacher; Mrs. ing season. Also the permanent establishment of his

Hinchcliffe, with a group representing city choirs, leaders and students of public and private city schools; the Strassbergers, of the St. Louis conservatories; Charles Kunkel; John Towers, critic, writer and teacher, who after hearing all that is best in music at home and abroad, is completely captured by the conceptions and musicianship of the Italian, declaring him to be the Salvini of the music field. Also many in delegations from out of town. from a New Jersey town remarked that until hearing this man he thought he had been hearing pretty good music, but that now most of the music sounded like coal going down through a chute. . . .

Ethan Allan Taussig gave a recital with seventeen advanced pupils at the Musical Art Building this week. Arias, "Joan of Arc" (Tschaikowsky), "Queen of Sheba" (Gounod), "Lucia" (Donizetti), a trio by Curschmann, duo by Auber, "I Masnadieri," three German, five French, three Italian and several English and American works were on the program. H. B. Maginn was accompanist. Mr. Taussig makes a feature of operatic coaching, and has a large following. He opens a summer term immediately, chiefly for teachers, and later proposes to do artistic recitation, with music, of such works as "Robert of Sicily," an arrangement of "Parsifal," "Fnoch Arden," etc. . .

Friends in St. Louis of Olga Samaroff are receiving good news of the pianist. At rehearsal of the Nikisch concert in London she was engaged for the next year's London season, and after the concert was invited to play at Royal Albert Hall. Mr. Nikisch expressed real pleasure in her performance, as to the musicianliness and temperament of the young artist. . . .

Victor Ehling, the piano teacher, leaves St. Louis at the close of his busy season, to be much in Paris, Berlin, Munich and Vienna, where he will meet congenial spirits such as Mottl, Nikisch, Weingartner, Dohnányi and others who are among his appreciative friends. He will also hear good music and bring back new literature for his win-

. . . Ernest Prang Stamm announces a prosperous beginning

Hugo Kaun Trio, which has been heard with much pleasure, and will be prepared to accept out of town engagements. Concerts by Mr. Stamm were among the best patronized of those of the past season, and there is much favorable comment in regard to him and to his work. He is holding a summer school.

. . . Two prominent vocal teachers of this section, who have been pupils of Madame Rudersdorf, are Mrs. Downing-Macklin, of St. Louis, and William Leib, of Kansas City. The former is also a Sbriglia pupil. So is Madame Mahan, of the Odéon Building. Mrs. Macklin, who teaches music in Hosmer Hall, goes to Maine for the summer.

Ruby Shotwell Piper has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Selden Edgar, on Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis. . . .

Fourteen St. Louis parks are to have band music this summer, at a cost of \$13,520, with three directors, each park to have several concerts.

. . . An interesting musician in Kansas City is Emily T. Sandeford, graduate of the New England Conservatory, Boston, who has a chartered school in the Western city, and has been made examiner for the State of Missouri by her alma mater. She prepares piano pupils for the conservatory, and has two graduates going on there this summer. She has been giving historical lectures on Mendelssohn, Bach, Mozart and MacDowell, and concerts wholly of concertos of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Weber, Grieg, etc., and other ensemble works. Fundamentals are included, and a standard is being raised steadily.

Mrs. W. G. Hawes, an operatic singer and coach and musician of much experience, has associated her interesting work with this studio, and recently gave a crowded pupils' recital there.

M. H. Ayer, of Oklahoma, and Frederick Bartell, of Arkansas, are two enthusiastic, competent and serious builders of Chautauqua assemblies. They deserve credit and recognition.

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W. H. Leib, of Kansas City, a tenor, pedagogue and enthusiast in music, is rejoicing in congenial work this season, and in the work of many talented pupils. Robert Howard Hudson, a young Kansas City baritone, is one of these, and the two have been creating no little stir in and out of town by duo singing. Mr. Leib, whose reputation is so extended that endorsement of young Hudson carries confidence and demand, has command of an attractive repertory. The sympathetic appeal of their two voices and the dramatic character of their work bid fair to make

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Katherine Hart has charge of the students' department of a music club in Peoria, Ill., and is doing active service therein. She makes a specialty of such, and clubs in other cities may find it to their advantage to make note of the fact. She is deeply interested in the education of talented young people who have no money, and is seeking scholarship advantages for such. A worthy work, till better conditions arrive.

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Mrs. C. B. Hohland, of Alton, Ill., has just given a lecture recital at Shurtleff College, assisted by violin and cello; subject, "Liszt's Contribution to Program Music." A unique program of work by Wagner and Liszt was given in illustration. This included the Gretchen episode, part two, of the Liszt "Faust" symphony, his "Orpheus" trio and a trio from "Tristan." Hugo Olk and William Boeck were artists on strings, Mrs. Hohland playing the piano

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The Edwardsville (Ill.) Choral Society has given "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," with a fine miscellaneous program, in the National Hall, of that city, Mrs. Hohland again director and pianist; G. H. Sheffield, vocal soloist; Miss McCune, choral accompanist, and a small orchestra. Mrs. R. D. Griffin is president of the club, Nona Barnsback, vice president, and Mrs. W. D. Harnist, the Rev. F. H. Knight and W. C. Schwartz, executive committee, with a chorus of fifty.

Salt Lake City is looking back seven years upon the work of music in its public schools, and has every reason to be exultant over conditions. Still more so has the modest and efficient supervisor who has seen his brightest expectations there more than surpassed. This reads easy, William A. Wetzell has gone through during

two-part singing as fashionable in Kansas City as it how those years, with his delicate frame, sensitive disposition and artistic nature, would fill volumes. He has been engaged for educational work in Chicago for the summer.

The Minneapolis School of Music has a strong dramatic expression department, as all music schools should have. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meade Holt, of the school, have given a brilliant and exemplary rendition of various works, indicating the value of such study for music students. remarkable department of this character is headed by Miss Martin, in the Beethoven Conservatory Building, St. Louis. Bessie Morse, head of one of the most popular dramatic schools in the West, had a strong music program sandwiched with her commencement work given last week here.

Victor Hugo is the name of the manager of an opera house in Cedar Rapids, Ia. A Mr. Collins, of Henderson, Ky., has offered to build an opera house for Alliance, Ohio, if the citizens would do their part. They have taken \$10,000 worth of tickets for the first night's performance in a building for which the ground even has not yet been purchased nor plans made. A new opera house to cost \$175,000, in Fort Worth, Kan., has received subscriptions of \$100,000. Louis should feel ashamed on hearing these things, and should at least clean up the old Odéon before the new sea-

Ernesto Consolo Going Ahroad.

Ernesto Consolo will sail for Europe June 18 on the French liner La Savoie. Mr. Consolo will go direct to Paris, and later will join his family at their villa on Lake Luzerne. He will return in September, although he has had several European offers to remain abroad. Next season Mr. Consolo will be heard in several concerts with the Kneisel Quartet throughout the East and West and also with orchestra. Shortly before leaving, Mr. Consolo gave a joint recital with Hugo Heermann, violinist, in honor of the Italian Ambassador and Ambassadress, Baron and Baroness Mayor des Planches. The recital, which was followed by a reception, took place in the ballroom of the Auditorium Annex, Chicago, and was given under the auspices of the Italian consul, Chevalier Sabetta, and was one of the social and musical events of the season. program was composed entirely of Italian compositions.

August Scharrer had a real success in Amsterdam, where he led a Concertgebouw concert not long ago. Afte "Symphonia Domestica" he was recalled eight times, After the

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The young singer has an extended repertory, including "The Messiah," "Elijah," the Rossini "Stabat Mater," "The



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Creation," Saint-Saëns' "Christmas" oratorio, Elgar's "Light of Life," "Daughter of Jairus," "Rebekah" (Barn-Creation " Elgar's by), "The Crucifixion," by Stainer; Gaul's "Passion Mu-sic," and Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary." His programs show a wide range of songs in four languages.

Mr. Kitchell is a thorough student, tireless bitious. He is still studying with Eleanor McLellan, and he warmly endorses the method of that talented and successful teacher. A critic who recently heard Mr. Kitchell declares his voice to have a phenomenal compass, from low G to high C sharp.

Haensel & Jones, Mr. Kitchell's managers, have already booked the tenor for a number of concerts in the early autumn. He may be heard during the summer at some Chautauguas.

The Vienna Volks Opera gave a series of "guest" performances at which these visitors sang: Burrian, Barry, Fleischer-Edel, Preusse-Matzenauer, Soomer, Hinckley, Jadlowker, Albers, Bender, Burk-Berger, Nast, Lohfing, The series was a financial failure.

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and monitors prepare properly for all lessons. Great stress is laid upon brain culture for musicians. English, mathematics, literature, with ability to read technical works in foreign languages, are requirements. The pedagogical side includes the laws of mind and their application. Material in the graded courses of study, and requirements for graduation and post graduation at Stephens music school would surprise scholarly musicians accustomed to old world standards. There are courses for teachers and for children, private and public practice recitals, courses in musical appreciation, lectures and artists' recitals, and "Saturday Afternoons," which are largely patronized.
"Parsifal," "Don Giovanni," "Siegfried," "The Meistersinger," "Louise," "Pelleas and Melisande" have been among recent subjects pursued in serial. Annual spring festivals, a correspondence course in harmony, a summer school of eight weeks from June 11, a women's chorus and a fine library are other features. An orchestral department, in charge of George Venable, teaches instruments, instrumentation, score reading, material for concerts, and appreciation and criticism for listeners. A department of public speaking and oratory is closely allied to the work of the vocal department. Organ study is made rigorous, systematic and intellectual as the rest. W. B. Peeler is president of the college.

Besides those already mentioned, other summer schools and Chautauquas that will have music upon their programs this season are those of Marion, Elkhart, Jeffersonville, Ind.; Belle Plain, Waterloo, Sibley, Atlantic, Dubuque, Fairfield, Forest City, Ia.; Racine, Oshkosh, La Crosse, Manitowoc, Wis.; Luverne, Winona, Albert Lea, Spicer, Minn.; Rockport and Carthage, Mo.; Defiance, Georgetown, Cambridge, Wilmington, Ohio; Plainfield and Streator, Ill.: Blue Springs and Fullerton, Neb.; Lawrence Ohio; Plainfield and and Clay Center, Kan.; Paducah, Ky. There is much room for improvement and for employment also in the music ranks of these growing developments in the Middle West.

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The last rehearsal of the season of the opera company of which Arthur Bissell is president and general manager; Herman Devries, stage manager, and Clarence Dickinson, director, was held at Music Hall on June 11; no more meetings will be held until the return of Mr. Devries, who sails for Europe on June 18, and who will be back time to prepare the company for a presentation of "Mignon," on or about October 15. Later Delibes'
"Lakme" will be put on also. Will J. Davis, of the Illinois Theater, has offered assistance and help in many ways, and the operas will be put on at the Illinois Theater. The rehearsals have been held with much enthusiasm and interest, and "Mignon" is already sung from memory by the chorus. The principals have not been definitely decided upon as yet, but as the membership embraces many of Chicago's leading singers it will not be difficult to apportion the different roles. The complete membership is as follows: Sopranos-Mrs. Herbert Miller, Grace Kennicott, Delia Henny, Belle Hulbert-Forbes, Luella Chillson-Ohrman and Ragna Linne; contraltos-Elaine de Sellem, Jessie Lynde Hopkins and Mrs. Frederic W. Upham; baritones and basses-Hugh Schussler, Herbert Miller, Marion Green, David Grosch and George Nelson Holt; tenors-John Miller and George L. Tenney Members of the chorus: Sopranos-Bessie A. Baker, Hilda B. Brown, Mabel Booth, Alice Cramer, Juliette Dashiel, Natalie Franklin, Oceana Fanes, May Flower, Mabel Green, Charlotte Gates, Helen Heller, Georgiana Dolan, Hazel Hull, Irene Jerin, Ida Nye, K. Riedl, Rose Riedl, Beatrice Russell, Virginia N. Thomas and Jeannette Taylor; contraltos-Marjorie Booth, Carrie Borch, Mabel Corlew, Charlotte Gates, Ellen Gleason, Therese Gokey, Bess Johnson, Mrs. R. M. Murphy, Daisy Miller, Charlotte Miller, Gallie Pope, Anna Rawles and Jewel Taylor; tenors—Albert L. Cieck, J. Crawford Donaldson, A. H. Engstrum, C. N. Gaswa, E. C. Hampton, C. H. Kesler, Dr. McGibbon, W. D. Otter, C. H. Parker, N. I. Rich,

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Emil Liebling presented Sara McKeen in a musicale at Kimball Hall on June 12. Miss McKeen, who is a talented pianist, and who will next year have charge of the music department of one of the prominent schools in Louisville, Ky., played a well chosen program with much taste and good style. Her numbers were: "Spanish Moszkowski, for two pianos (second piano by Dances. played by Mr. Liebling); andante in F, by Beethoven; prelude and minuetto, op. 72, by Raff; etude in F, by Neupert; "At the Spring," by Joseffy-Liebling; waltz, op. 20, by Weiss; "Lolita," op. 39, by E. Liebling, and twelfth Hungarian rhapsody, by Liszt.

The Rev. J. F. Dickie, pastor of the American Church in Berlin, was among the visitors to the Chicago office of THE MUSICAL COURTER this month. Dr. Dickie is very enthusiastic over the question of musical art and American musical students studying abroad, particularly in Berlin, and is now superintending the purchasing of a mu-sical library, of works in the English language, for the library which is associated with his church in Berlin. The German Empress, a great friend and admirer of art, has presented Dr. Dickie with several gifts for his library, which is complete in volumes on travel and biography. and now bids fair to contain much excellent musical material.

Ludwig Becker, second concertmaster of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, will sail. June 20, for his home. Frankfurt-on-the-Main, returning in September.

George Nelson Holt, one of Chicago's most competent baritones, sang with great facility and characteristic insight, the aria, "Roi de Lahore," by Massenet, at the concert given by the Columbia School at the Illinois Theater on June 9. Mr. Holt is an authority on French songs and French diction, having studied and lived in Paris, where he was a friend of noted singers and musicians.

The annual commencement exercises of the American Conservatory were held at Orchestra Hall on June 12. The program contained nine numbers, opening with the over-ture, "Der Freischütz," by Von Weber, played by memof the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, under direction of Adolph Weidig, after which the following graduates were heard: Ellen Wunder, in the first movement of the Beethoven G major concerto, op. 58; Amanda Schultz, in aria, "Ah, Love," from Saint-Saëns' "Samson and Delilah"; Mary Cox, in the first movement from the Bruch D minor violin concerto; Mabel Krog, in the first movement of the Rubinstein D minor concerto, op. 70; Edith Foley, in aria, "Oh, Hall of Song," from "Tannhäuser," Wagner; Mabel Woodworth, in the first movement of the Brahms D major violin concerto; Walter Framke, in Gounod's "Vulcan's Song," from "Philemon and Baucis"; and Otto Backhaus, in the Liszt "Hungarian Fantasia." The orchestral parts were supplied by the orchestra, under Mr. Weidig, and the pupils all acquitted themselves with credit to both the faculty and to their own talent and industry. The three vocalists, who have been pupils of Karleton Hackett, of the Conservatory, deserve special mention for their good breath and control, enunciation and phrasing. Also Miss Woodworth, violinist, who is undoubtedly very talented, and who gave evidence of her good schooling. The address of the evening was by Lorado Taft, after which followed the awarding of diplomas, certificates and gold and silver medals to 260 students.

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The series of summer concerts to be given in Mandel Hall, the University of Chicago, under the auspices of the University Lecture Association, will begin Tuesday, June 16; the first concert will be given by the Schubert Male Quartet and Robert Ambrosius, cellist. Subsequent concerts will be given as follows: June 23, by Allen Spencer, pianist; Edward Walker, tenor; June 30, by Arthur Dunham, organist, and Jessie Waters Northrop, soprano; July 7. by Arthur Burton, baritone, and Earl Blair, pianist; July 14. by Rose Lutiger Gaunon, contralto, and Alice Genevieve Smith, harpist; July 21, by Sylvio Scionti, pianist, and Robert Butler, violinist; July 28, by Arthur Mid-dleton, basso, and Edgar A. Nelson, pianist; August 4. by Genevieve Clark Wilson, soprano, and William Harper, basso; August 11, by Elaine de Sellem, contralto, and Sigrid Janson, violinist; August 18, by Walter Keller, organist, and Holmes Cowper, tenor-

. . . The pupils in voice of Mrs. Willard S. Bracken, of the Cosmopolitan School of Music, were heard in recital at Cable Hall on June 10. Those giving the program were: Maud Sullivan, Maud Meyers, Hazel Keiser, Daigneau, Belle Crawford, Marjorie Booth, Irene Jerru Giralda Voedisch, Arthur Merz, Grace Kennicott and Rudolph Engstrom. Miss Kennicott, who has been a pupil of Mrs. Bracken for the last five years, has one of the loveliest voices of the younger sopranos in Chicago, and her excellent training allows her perfect freedom and command of all her resources. Her maturity of expression also is quite remarkable in one so young; however, authoritative musical expression is so much the reflection of good instruction, based on analysis and musical understanding on the part of the teacher, and is a condition that is but as it should be and needing no comment; still, not encountering it at every turn of the crossroads of learning, when it looms up big and brilliant, as in the case of Mrs. Bracken's product, Miss Kennicott, it deserves a word of

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The annual commencement concert of the Sherwood Music School was held at Music Hall on June 11. The program was as follows: "Allegro con fuoco," from the Mendelssohn G minor concerto, played by Bessie Sweet; the "Presto," from the same concerto, played by Helen Hamal; first movement from MacDowell's concerto, No. 2, played by Charles Hargrave; first movement from Becthoven's concerto, No. 1, in C, by Harriette Dorn; vocal number, "Ah, fors' e lui," from "La Traviata," by Hazel de Groff; "Andante Expressivo," from Heller's concerto in sharp minor, by Mertie Whiting; Saint-Saëns' "Dance Macabre," for two pianos, by Louise Kemp and Mr. Sher-wood; "Andante Sostenuto," from Mendelssohn's concerto in D minor, op. 40, by Inez Nixon; "Presto," from same concerto, by Bernice Craig; violin solo, "Airs Hongroise," by Ernst, played by Irene Martin; the Gounod-Liszt "Faust Waltz," by Ethel Marley; Liszt's "Fantaisie Hon-groise," by May E. Sellstrom; the allegro from Godard's concerto in A minor, op. 46, by Mabel Woodcock; and closing with the "Presto" from the same concerto, by Blanche Tomlinson. The orchestral parts for all the con

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Sherwood, director of the school. The earnestness and seriousness shown in the playing of all these young pupils, and the clean, clear, technic displayed were characteristic of the ideals of the Sherwood Music School. The following named pupils were graduated in piano, harmony, counterpoint and history of music: Bernice Vivian Greencastle, Ind.; Harriette Dorn, Kansas City, Mo.; Charles O. Hargrave, Estherville, Ia.; Ethel Lathrop Marley, Chicago; Lillian Mary Martin, El Paso, Tex.; Inez Nixon, Montezuma, Ind.; May Eugenia Sellstrom, Jamestown, N. Y.; and Mertie May Whiting, Marion, Ohio. In voice, harmony and history of music: Hazel Lorine de Groff, Hartshorn, Okla. Teachers' certificates in piano, harmony and history of music were awarded Etta Irene Brown, Chicago; Hazel Lorine de Groff, Hartshorn, Okla.; Helen Hamal, Chicago; Marie Louise Kemp, Quincy, Ill.; Mina Eloise Kauf, Hastings, Neb.; Elizabeth E. Keller, Chicago; Laura Turner McWhorter, Chillicothe, Ill.; Susanne Osmori, Morris, Ill.; Harriet Irene Peterson, Reno, Nev.; Carolyn Schmidt, Chicago; Julia E. Sheldon, Chicago; Carola Strauss, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Bessie Lucretia Sweet, Chicago; Frank B. Taylor, Youngstown, Ohio; Blanche Irma Tomlinson, Chicago; Mary A. Tris, Burlington, Ia., and Mabelle Woodcock, Hot Springs, Ark

Agnes Lapham, the talented young pianist, is now booking engagements for next season, and will have a very busy year from all indications. Miss Lapham will open her season at Milwaukee on October 1, with Frederic Carberry, the tenor, in a joint recital of Russian compositions.

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The Anna Groff-Bryant Institute of the New School of Vocal Arts gave a musicale, followed by dancing, at Assembly Hall, Fine Arts Building, on June 6. giving the program were: Vine Warner, soprano; Martha Shayne, contralto; George O'Connell, tenor, and Lionel M. Parker, basso. Some exceptionally good singing was heard in the group sung by Miss Warner—"Like the Rose Bud," by La Forge; "Aufträge," by Schumann; "The Wind," by Sposs, and "Spring," by Stern. Miss Warner has a particularly pure coloratura voice, and her technic is exceptionally clear and clean. Mrs. Shayne, who possesses a contralto voice of fine quality and in range extending beyond the usual mezzo voice, sang with great taste and expression two groups of songs. Mr. O'Connell's voice is of a quality embracing command of both the lyric and dramatic qualities, and in two groups of songs gave ample evidence of his technic and artistic taste. The second group was composed of Carrie Jacobs Bond's song cycle, "Love and Sorrow," written to poems by Paul L. Dunbar, and sung in the past few seasons by Bispham with great success. Mrs. Bond accompanied Mr. O'Connell in this group, and more artistic ensemble work has not been heard in Chicago this season than this particular group proved to be. In the singing of Mr. Parker, basso, the mezza voce was beautifully produced; in this character of voice Mr. Parker excels, and in Margaret Ruthven Lang's "Irish Love Song" this was demonstrated in a way that won his audience completely. The entire program, as given by these four vocalists, proved them in possession of technic to an unusual degree, and also in command of splendid musical understanding and taste in interpretation. Margaretha Thomsen was the accompanist, playing with equal taste and style. The reception committee was composed of Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Waller, Mrs.

Mrs. Barkley and Mrs. Kennison

Etta Edwards, who has recently taken up her residence in Chicago, having come here from Boston, where she was long established as one of the leading teachers of the day, gave the second of her pupils' recitals at Cable Hall on June 5, when she presented Edith Knox, Anna Louise Week and Marie Keller, three very talented pupils, in a program well fitted to illustrate their various degrees of excellencies and natural aptitude. Miss Knox sang six numbers, the "Aufträge" by Schumann and "Charmani Papillons" by Campra, two of the numbers that were specially well sung. Miss Week sang three songs (in French) by Augusta Holmés, the "Sapphic Ode" by Brahms and "Es hat die Rose sich beklagt" by Franz. This young student has been with Mrs. Edwards several years, and has splendid command of breath control, a fine quality of voice, and is very musical. Miss Keller, a more recent pupil of Mrs. Edwards, has also a beautiful mezzo quality, and sings with fine musical taste; Miss Keller's numbers were "Traume durch die Dämmerung" by Strauss, "Weil ich wie einst mals allein" by Tschaikowsky, madrigal by Lemaire, "Ici-bas" by Volpe and "Le depart de Charlotte' from "Charlotte Corday" by Alexander Georges.

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The Centralizing School of Music gave its closing exercises at Music Hall on June 8, in a program of eight numbers-six piano numbers, played by the following piano pupils: Miss Smith, Miss Rhuman, Miss Pendry, Helen Chapman-Walker, Robert Raymond Lippitt, Miss Schweinfurth, Miss Mallette, Miss Holman and Miss Keyes, and wo vocal numbers by the following vocal pupils: Ragna Albertson and Carl Morse.

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Edward Walker, one of the younger tenors of Chicago, has had a very successful season this past year. During May and June among prominent engagements filled by Mo Walker may be mentioned Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," at Rock Island, Ill., on May 28; Goring Thomas' "The Swan and the Skylark," at Dwight, Ill., on June 4; Protheroe's "Song of Hope," at the Park Avenue Methodist Church, Chicago, on June 11; Mendelssohn's "Elijah," at Wooster, Ohio, on June 16, and a joint concert with Allen Spencer at the University of Chicago on June 23. Dwight (Ill.) Star and Herald of June 4 said of Mr. Walker's singing in the "Swan and Skylark":

Mr. Walker has an unusual tenor voice which he handles to the best possible advantage; his part was very difficult, but he performed best possible advantage; no parties it so well no one in the audience was a was aware of the difficulty

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The Walter Spry Piano School will hold its closing pupils' recitals on June 20 and on June 27. The first recital will be devoted to the elementary and intermediate grades, and the second recital to the advanced pupils.

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The Gottschalk Lyric Club gave a recital in concert form of Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet" at Kimball Hall on June 12. The cast was as follows: Juliet, Mary Freeman; Romeo, Joseph B. Litkowski and L. Della Maria; Mercutio, A. E. Torney; Capulet, Collins J. Brook; Friar Laurence, William F. Larkin; Tybalt, H. D. MacMillan;

certo movements were played on the second piano by Henderson, Miss Schuster, Mrs. Summy, Mrs. Weaver, Stephana, Mrs. C. J. Brock; Gertrude, Ada P. MacMillan. The chorus was composed of pupils of the school, and Viola Lynch was the accompanist. The ensemble under the personal direction of L. Gaston Gottschalk was exceptionally artistic in oscillations themselves very creditably. tionally artistic in outline, and the principals all acquitted

Clarence Dickinson will relinquish the leadership of the Aurora Musical Club, of which society he has been the conductor since its organization six years ago, on account of the heavy demand upon his time by the many organizations of which he is the director. During the period that he has served as director he has brought the club to a prominent place among the choral societies of the country, both in the character of works performed and in the excellency of their presentation. The following list of the more important oratorios presented during the period of his six years' directorship speaks for Mr. Dickinson's standards: "Christmas Oratorio" by Bach, "Requiem" by Brahms, "Fair Ellen" by Bruch, "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" by Coleridge-Taylor, "Everyman" by Devries, "Psalm CL" by Franck, "Crusaders" by Gade, "Israel in Feast" and "The Mexich," by Handel "Belleof, Starchure" Egypt" and "The Messiah" by Handel, "Bells of Strasburg," Saint Elizabeth" and Thirteenth Psalm" by Liszt, "Hora Novissima" by Parker, "Pied Piper of Hamelin" by Parry, "Song of Miriam" by Schubert, "The Swan and the Skylark" by Thomas, "Jubilee Cantata" by Weber, "Elijah"

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Louise St. John Westervelt introduced her chorus of young girls at the closing exercises of the Columbia School on June 9 in three numbers, "The Snow" and "Fly, Singing Bird, Fly," by Elgar, and d'Indy's "Over the Sea."

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Bennett Recital at Fort Collins.

FORT COLLINS, Col., June 10, Anna L. Bennett, pupil of Howard Wells and Ella Ethel Free, recently presented the following program at her piano recital before the members of the Evening Lyric: Prelude and fugue in C minor, Bach; rondo in G, Beethoven; Novellette, Schumann; "Nachstück," Schumann; "March Grotesque," Sinding; ballade in A flat, op. 47, Chopin; prelude in C sharp minor, Rachmaninoff; "Hark, Hark, the Lark," Schubert-Liszt. Miss Bennett evinced a clear and intelligent reading of all her numbers, and she was especially good in the Sinding and Chopin compositions.

Minna Meyer at Asbury Park.

Minna Meyer, a young and promising soprano, sang Sunday night, June 7, at the Asbury Park Casino, and from the reception she received it will not be the last time that she will be heard in that attractive auditorium. After her first number "Dich theure Halle," from "Tannhäuser" (Wagner), Miss Meyer was enthusiastically re-called. Later she sang an aria from "Traviata," and, in addition to her program numbers, was compelled to add encores. Miss Meyer has a voice of beautiful quality and she shows fine schooling. Miss Meyer has been engaged for a series of operatic performances.

Eugenie Pappenheim is still busy with vocal pupils, a number of professionals having come to New York for the express purpose of studying with her. She will therefore be in town until late in the summer

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The summer school at Miss Morgan's studio will extend from July 1 to the middle of August. She teaches the Mason method of touch and technic. Besides playing at many concerts, both as soloist and in ensemble, Miss Morgan has given numerous organ recitals. She is highly skilled as a church organist, having filled positions at the Waverly Congregational Church and the German Lutheran Church on Jersey City Heights. Miss Morgan has a class of forty pupils, of all ages, many of them from the best families in her city. Henry Schradieck, the widely known violinist, of Brooklyn, is another among the notable mu-sicians who has highly endorsed Miss Morgan.

The following is a copy of Dr. Mason's letter, so valued by Miss Morgan:

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Bessie Morgan was especially effective in her organ solos, and she ecompanied the orchestra at the piano with the precision of an uperienced musician.—Hoboker Observer.

Miss Morgan will take a vacation after the close of the summer school, and her regular autumn term will re-open the middle of September.

News of Musicians From Near and Far.

Carl Venth, the violinist, teacher and composer, who has lived in Brooklyn for many years, will leave the last week in August to begin his duties as head of the violin department of the North Texas Female College. The college is located in Sherman, near Dallas, Tex., and is one of the progressive educational institutions of the extreme South. In addition to his various musical activities, Mr. Venth has been a great traveler. He was born in Cologne, Germany, but has resided in America over a score of years. He spent one profitable season in Minnesota, and has had success both as a teacher and virtuoso on the Pacific Coast.

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Frederic Mariner is spending three weeks up in Bucksport, Me., before opening the summer course at his New

term begins the first week in July. Mr. Mariner has received numerous applications from piano teachers, as well as students who desire to continue their lessons with him throughout the vacation months.

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Beatrice Fine, the soprano, who will spend her vacation in California, has been engaged to give a recital for the Saturday Club, of Sacramento, October 10. This is the largest women's club west of Chicago, and only artists of national and international reputation are engaged for concerts. Before singing in the capital city of the Golden State, Mrs. Fine will give a recital at the Greek



BESSIE MORGAN.

Theater, in Berkeley, October 4, and she is also to be heard in Fresno, Redlands and Los Angeles.

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Louis Arthur Russell directed the first in a series of summer night concerts, at Wallace Hall, Newark, N. J., Wednesday evening, June 10, under the auspices of the Musical Culture Club of Newark. During the season Mr. Russell will have the assistance of well known pianists and vocalists. The concerts are popular with the residents of Essex County, N. J.

Florence Austin left New York, June 15, for Minne-

concert set for October. Part of the time she will be in the northern wilds with her father, a surgeon of extended reputation.

Harriette M. Brower has had a very successful season, which will close the middle of July. During this month she goes to Long Branch once a week to teach. goes to Newport, and later to Albany, where she will do some teaching as well as resting, reopening her New York studio September 1.

At Hasbrouck Hall, Jersey City, the closing musicale of the Hasbrouck School of Music took place June 15.

. . . Mrs. Frederic Heizer's pupil, Annie Galinsky, pianist,

gave a recital at the Heizer Music School, Sioux City, lowa, June 1, playing standard works. A local paper said that the thirteen-year-old child amazed her hearers, playing everything from memory. She has been praised by some leading artists who heard her. . . .

Susa Carpenter gave a song recital in the Bristol studios. June 10, singing standard songs, ancient and modern, in such a way as to win every prophecy for future success.

Dr. and Mrs. Lyell Earle, of the New York Froebel Normal, invited some guests who completely filled Mendelssohn Hall, June 8, to see and hear the eleventh annual graduation exercises. Singing of kindergarten songs, telling of stories, games, dances, a "burlesque band" which played on coal shovels and other paraphernalia amused and interested all.

Charlotte Terhune, pianist, played pieces by Bach, Beethoven, Weber, Reinecke, and MacDowell at Laural Hall, June 1, under the direction of Louise S. Dixon, who has charge of the music at the hall. Others who played were Margaret Harrison, Edward Tremaine, Carrie Lozier, Maloise Dixon and Walter Ludwig.

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The Central Baptist Church Choir, F. W. Riesberg, organist and director, gave "The Holy City" at the last nusical service, the regular choir of soloists and chorus, assisted by Goldie Gross, 'cellist; J. Herbert Dietz, violinist, and Mrs. F. W. Goudy, pianist. This choir has in the course of the season of eight months sung "The Creation," "Stabat Mater," "Hear My Prayer," a Gounod evening, "The Holy Child," a Liszt evening, a Sullivan evening, "Death and Life" beside the regular anthems at the conventional services.

Carl M. Roeder's younger pupils united in a piano recital, June 13, at the Alexander Avenue Baptist Church, the Bronx, twenty-three pieces by modern composers making up the program. Mr. Roeder's instruction goes behind the mere playing of correct notes, so that the little children put something into their playing which makes listening enjoyable. These were the participants: Bessie Doherty, Hazel Potter, Annie Fordyce, Marion Schuetz, Laura York, Helen Adler, Anna Doherty, Ethel Butler, Beatrice Adler, Emelie Munroe, Adolf Schuetz, Bessie Dimond, Martha Horwitz, Jessie Thoms, Julia Rauch, Emma Nolan, Ethel Walters, Lillian Stark, Helen Carlock, Irene Matthews, York studios, 37 West Ninety-second street. The new apolis, to rest and work on the program for her New York Loretta Deevy, Lucy D. York, and Eugenia A. Schweitzer.

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HOTEL NOTTINGHAM, BOSTON, Mass., June 13, 1908.

One of the most brilliant pageants in the annals of artistic happenings in Boston and designed chiefly by Mrs. Cyrus E. Dallin, wife of the sculptor, was the festival of the Normal School in dedication of its new building, given on June 6 and 8. The primal feature was musical, the various episodes being suggested by picturesque and symbolic group representative of the various educational deals of different epochs in the history of the world. Lucia Gale Barber, teacher, of "rhythm," was one of the chief directors, supervising the various interludes, dances, rites and choruses, in which had been trained upward of 250 men, women and children. It was a spectacular scene never before rivaled in Boston. There was "atmosphere' supreme in every detail. The order of procession was: Trumpeters; Alma Mater and handmaids; Education in the East, represented by scholars and priests; Hindu; Egyptian; Persian; Hebrew; Moses and Elijah, the Law and the Prophets; Chinese; Japanese; Oriental dancers; the ancient sun dance; chanting of "Ode to Wisdom"; Greek sages; Nine Muses and Apollo, with chant of an Archaic Greek hymn; group of Roman sages; the twelve Arval Brothers; Early Christian Education, with Gregorian chant; Education in the Middle Ages; Arab scholars and their followers; the Revival of Learning; song from "The Meistersingers"; the Morris dancers, with an Old English Morris song; University Education, with the singing of the "Gaudeamus Igitur," and the commencement hymn, by Professor Greenough and Prof. J. K. Paine; Elementary Education; Kindergarten Education; the "Spring Song"; final tableau; final hymn. The music was furnished by the Bostonia Orchestral Club, C. nished by the Bostonia Orchestral Club, C. Staats, director. Mrs. Barber's rhythmical work

constituted the most beautiful part of the superb program, and the merry dances, the august processional march, the singing troubadours, and the artistic commingling of colors, all accompanied by the fine music furnished by Mr. Staats, made a memorable impression on the crowd assembled to witness the spectacle. forth, Mrs. Barber's name will stand associated with one of the most splendid pageants connected with New England's history. The music of the pageant included, for the procession: Grande marche, "Cortege de la Reine de Saba," Gounod; "March of the Priests," from "Athalia," Mendelssohn; "Coronation March" of "The Prophet," The music for the episodes: "Tannhäuser" Meverbeer. march, "Reine de Saba; Oriental song, "Ode to Wisdom"; "March of the Priests"; Archaic Greek hymn; German's Morris dance, "Gaudeamus Igitur," Gregorian chant; march from "Aida"; entr' acte from "Philemon et Baucis," Gounod; "Chant of Muezzin" (from the Egyptian); "Arabian Prayer"; Old English "Morris Dance" song; "Campbells Are Coming"; "Iron King" march; "Blue Danube Waltz"; "Felice" march; "Banzai," Japanese; "Arabian Prayer"; Old English "Morris Dance" Danube Waltz"; "Felice" march; "Banzai," Japanese "Spring Song," Mendelssohn; "To Thee, O Country, sung at the close.

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The annual concert given by the pupils of Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind came off in Jordan Hall Tuesday evening, June 9, before an audience of good size. The assisting singer was Henry E. Mozealous, baritone, and a graduate of the class of '93, and of the New England Conservatory of Music, class The opening numbers, played by the orches tra, showed in every way that the blind have an increased sense of harmony and tempo. The "Rosamunde" over-(Schubert) was finely performed, when it is remembered that the only leading possible for Mr. Gardner, as conductor, to give was scarcely audible taps with the baton on the score rack before him. The violins were especially good and the basses balanced accordingly. Entr' acte from "La Colombe" (Gounod), "Minuetto" for strings (Bolzoni), and 'Magic Flute' overture (Mozart) were all well performed, and followed by Richard Barnard playing organ numbers from Bartlett. Then came the part songs: Barnby's "Phoebus"; "Sylvia," by Protheroe; "The Wind," by Carroll; Schilling and Dudley Buck numbers; "Moonlight," Faning, and "Salamaleikum," sung by Mr. Mozelous and the mixed chorus. Earlier in the program Mr. Mozelous contributed, "O, Let Night Speak of Me" (Chadwick); "A Song of April" (Speaks); "Danny Deever" (Damrosch), singing each of them very well indeed. These annual concerts serve to show what excellent work is being done at these institutions, and should and do prove interesting to Boston at large. Alice Wentworth McGregor is instructor in voice in the Perkins Institute, and promises to bring out some lovely voices in

Potter Hall held a company of especially invited guests on Saturday afternoon to hear the pupils of Clara Munger sing a very attractive program of songs-attractive because there were many unhackneyed songs sung by pleas-Delibes, Pergolesi, Clayton Johns, ingly fresh voices. Lehmann, Puccini, Godard, Mozart, Massenet, Bruno Huhn, Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Rossini and other composers were represented. To hear a group of pupils sing and to remember the while that they are but pupils, is always the more interesting if they are judged from all viewpoints; that is, tone production, musical intelligence, diction, text, interpretation and general appreciation. In all of 'these essentials the Munger pupils showed special merit. Miss Rourke's singing of "Chanson Provençale"; Miss Story's aria "Thais"; Dorothy Delano's "The Wood Pigeon" (Lehmann), and "Una Voce" (Rossini), sung by Miss Story, all showed some excellent musical qualities. Miss Munger will spend the summer in Breadloaf, Vt.

. . . About two years ago Katherine Crockett organized the Schubert Choral Club in a school of music in Lawrence, Mass., where Miss Crockett is engaged as head of the vocal department. The chorus is mixed, and composed of pupils of Miss Crockett, who is the conductor. These progressive young people have given three public performances with good results, and last March produced the "Feast of Adonis" to a well pleased audience of friends and patrons of the school. On June 18 the Schubert Choral Club, under Miss Crockett's direction, will be heard in a good program, including Faning's "Daybreak," some Pinsuti and Strauss numbers and German folk songs, the latter unaccompanied. Miss Crockett herself possesses much temperament and a beautiful quality of voice, and has appeared with some good organizations. She has been coaching with Stephen Townsend the past winter.

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William Alden Paull was recently elected to the position of instructor in music, including voice culture, at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Mass., where he will become fully installed in his new work in October. Mr. Paull will preside at the daily chapel organ exercises and have the assistance the men in his choir, whom he will instruct in both plain and Anglican song. The organ at Union Chapel at Nahant will be played by Mr. Paull during the summer months, and on account of this and his lectures on voice, besides experimental work which he has been engaged to give in Dr. Sargent's School of Gymnastics this summer, Mr. Paull will keep open studio, as it were, during the summer. Many private pupils are applying for lessons. Mr. Paull's long connection with the Church of the Messiah as its organist gave him valuable experience in choir work. His intoning system has been found peculiarly valuable for both speakers and singers. Mr. Paull is of the Tippett-Paull Studios, where most earnest work is carried on. . . .

Louise Lathrop Mellows' last pupils' recital took place in her spacious rooms at Trinity Court on Saturday afternoon, when about a dozen pupils played a program. Those performing were Roderick Smith, Linda Page, Helen Friend, Grace Tolman, Ruth McAllister, Herford Hartwell, Marion Spear, Grace Mudgett, Bertha Stevens and Linda McAllister. The program included Schumann, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Heller, Burgmuller, Schytte, Godard, Gurlitt Lack and Spindler pieces, which were played in a highly satisfactory way by these young pupils, who had been taught to play with special attention to technic and individual interpretation. About forty invited guests enjoyed

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ices after the program. The recital was the last of a series of four held by Mrs. Mellows.

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Among the visitors who will be in attendance at the closing exercises of the Faelten Pianoforte School, which will take place in Huntington Chambers Hall on June 18, are the two well known musicians, Forest Cressman and George Folsom Granberry, both of whom are former "Faelten boys," and are now filling places of trust in musical institutions of New York, Mr. Granberry directing the Granberry Piano School, one of the leading schools of In discussing the success of his work with the country. THE MUSICAL COURIER representative, Mr. Granberry said: "In all of my experience in laying forth the methods employed in my school I have found THE MUSICAL COURIER an exceptional medium, and that it paid me back every time in actual results." Mr. Granberry will spend some time in Newport, R. I., at his summer school, and later will repair to his old home in Alabama, where he remains until autumn, when he resumes his school in New York. Mr. Granberry is an exceptional example of Southern energy expressing itself in Northern methods. . . .

Caroline Gardner Clarke-Bartlett closed her Boston studios in the Pierce Building last Saturday for the season, and went at once to Waterloo, N. H., to "Sunny Hill Farm," 1,100 feet above the sea, where her noted summer school begins June 29 and closes September 5, covering ten weeks of the most comprehensive study, including vocal instruction, piano accompanying and languages, all of which bear upon Madame Bartlett's "School" of work, in which she has been so successful. Bookings for the summer classes have been coming in rapidly from many Southwestern and Western States, for students in those sections realize what a course of such study means, especially in combination with a rural life right in the cool, invigorating mountain air. Madame Bartlett will give a series of lectures during the summer, presenting her ideas from a theoretical point of view, followed by a practical demonstration by herself and pupils. Many well known lecturers are now occupying some of the camps and bungalows there, in preparation for Madame Bartlett's course.

. . "Harvard Night" at the Symphony Hall "Pops" will have a fine program. Among the numbers will be the following

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Overture, Rienzi
Waltz, Estudiantina
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Selection, The Fate FakirsSweet, '08
Waltz, Jolly Fellows
Fair Harvard.
March, Up the Street

The final recital of the Faelten Pianoforte School took place on June 11, in Huntington Chambers Hall, with the usual large audience present. Two interesting players be graduates of this year, Lulu Gleason and Charles Calkins, the former playing in an impressive way "To the Sea," "Sailor's Song," from "Sea Pieces," op. 55, MacDowell; "Menuetto Capriccioso," A flat major, from op. 39. Weber, and Mr. Calkins giving Rubinstein's concerto in G major, with Carl Faelten at the second The regular graduating exercises on June 18 are anticipated by the many friends of the school. . . .

One of the chief features in the work taught at the Tippett-Paull Studios next season will be ensemble singing, and choir work, surely a much needed one, as so fe singers nowadays are equipped for work of this kind. Both Mrs. Tippett and Mr. Paull are especially prepared for instructing in these lines, the former being one the chief directors of music at the Old South Church for several years, and the latter associated with one of the leading choirs and schools of New England. Grace Horne, one of the assistants in the studio work, is fitted for coaching in general program making.

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The commencement exercises of the New England Conservatory of Music are announced for Tuesday, June 23, at 2:30 p. m., in Jordan Hall. On Wednesday, June 17. at 8:15 p. m., the concert by members of the graduating class; Friday, June 19, at 8 o'clock the senior reception will take place; Monday, June 22, will be class day, the exercises taking place in Jordan Hall at 3 p. m., and the Alumni reunion and reception at the Tuileries at 8 p. m. The class dinner will take place at Hotel Brunswick on June 24 at 8 o'clock. In the class of '08 there are eighteen piano pupils, eighteen voice pupils, three in organ, one in violin, and fourteen in the department of tuning

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Nellie Strong Stevenson will go abroad with her husband for the summer. Mrs. Stevenson is well known for good work of various kinds, and has just given her annual pupils' recital in Whiton Hall, Dorchester, when a program, arranged most attractively, was presented by her

large class. The musical intelligence displayed by those playing was considered unusual in young players. There are always talented pupils in Mrs. Stevenson's class, but her good teaching directs such talent, with the result that the work is always enthused over by the large audiences in attendance

Clara Tippett announces a song recital by her advanced and professional pupils in Boston in the Tippett-Paull Studios on next Monday afternoon. It is always a treat to hear Mrs. Tippett's pupils, as this teacher is excelled nowhere in her results so far as all round beautiful tones and diction are concerned. Brahms, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Caldara, and her own daughter, Constance Tippett, are represented on the program. Some out of town North Shore guests will be present.

A. E. Prescott's pupil, Rose Fish, a young soprano of many attractive musical gifts, had a testimonial concert arranged for her last week, she herself contributing as many as fifteen songs to the program, and Beatrice Holbrook, a young pupil of Heinrich Gebhard, playing a group of piano numbers. The ladies of Milton promoted the affair, giving it in the parish house of the First Unitarian Church. Miss Fish's pretty voice and the simplicity of her

manner so pleased every one present that she was recalled

before the audience several times. . . .

Mary MacGuire, the young contralto pupil of Mary Des-mond, at 6 Newbury street, has gone to Europe to spend her summer vacation. Miss MacGuire is an earnest student of voice, and will give her first public recital in Steinert Hall next season,

. . . The violin pupils of Mrs. Raymond gave a recital in Steinert Hall on Saturday afternoon, assisted by Katherine Halliday, violoncello, and Florence Parker Hall, About a dozen young people appeared on the pro-

Arthur Foote and W. R. Spaulding's comprehensive little edition, called "Foote and Spaulding Harmony," published by Arthur Schmidt, is now in its fifth thousand, so large has been the sale. Mr. Foote will spend the summer in Dedham, probably sojourning during the mouth of September with his family at Bass Rocks, East Gloucester, while Mr. Spaulding will go to Europe for a year. . . .

Virginia Listemann, the young soprano, now touring West and Southwest, after a triumph in the city of Birmingham, Ala., received this communication

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 15, 1908. My Dear Miss Listemann—Permit me to thank you for singing "Il Baccio" last night. I first heard it played by the bands during the war and afterwards often heard it sung by the best sopranos of thirty years ago. It is one of my favorite songs and never was more pleasing than as you rendered it last evening.

At the risk of being reprimanded for violating a rule, I take pleasure in handing you an invisition to the cichbrach and

ure in handing you an invitation to the eighteenth annual of the United Confederate Veterans. If that body could her as I did, it would unanimously suspend its rule and adopt ye daughter of the Veterans.

With best wishes, faithfully yours

Capt. Artillery, C. S. Army ...

There was recently held a meeting of the trustees of the Oliver Ditson Fund, instituted for helping poor and needy musicians. The trustees are: B. J. Lang, president; Charles H. Ditson, secretary: C. F. Smith, treasurer, and Arthur Foote and A. Parker Brown, associate, trustees These men, aside from their official duty, request THE MUSICAL COURIER to state that they are eager to learn of any musician in need of aid, and will consider it gracious kindness to be informed of such persons anywhere in the United States. The object of the Fund is thus pre-eminently worthy, and should be appreciated to the extent that all people requiring aid for a musical education will be at once made known either to B. J. Lang or Arthur Foote, addressed at the Lang Studios, 6 Newbury street, Boston.

Boston's new Opera House is assuming realistic features more and more as the time passes. Already \$126,000 from the general public has been subscribed. Eben Jordan, as is well known, will provide the land and money required to erect the structure. There are more than 500 stock-holders enrolled on the list of the Boston Opera Company, these, it is stated, being from all over the East.

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On the evening of June 22, the members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra will give a concert in Symphony Hall for the delegates to the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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Stephen Townsend's studios, at 6 Newbury street, will be opened to a few friends on Friday evening, to hear Saint-Saens' "Christmas Oratorio" sung by some of his professional pupils. Mr. Townsend is preparing to give

excerpts from "Tannhäuser" in the fall, after his return from his farm at Woodstock, Vt., where he will remain until about September 15.

E. Cutter, Jr., will keep his studio open certain days during the summer for teaching those registering with him for special work. At other times Mr. Cutter is resting at Weston, Mass., where he owns an attractive camp.

George Proctor will soon leave for Europe, where he expects to remain during the summer months.

Helene Wetmore, the young soprano, and long known as one of Etta Edwards' most excellent pupils, has returned from a year in Europe, where she has been under the tutelage of Mme. Arthur Nikisch, in Leipsic, studying operatic roles and coaching for the work she is so well adapted, as Miss Wetmore possesses a beautiful high soprano voice, inheriting her musical gifts from her very

The Quartet engaged at the picturesque little Nahant Church for the summer is composed of these singers, with William Alden Paull, organist: Gertrude Miller-Woodruff, soprano; Louise Bruce Brooks, contralto; Lambert Murphy, tenor, and Mr. Phillips, bass.

WYLNA BLANCHE HUDSON.

Conductor Volpe Sailed for Europe.

Arnold Volpe, the conductor of the Volpe Symphony Orchestra, sailed for Europe Saturday of last week on the Hamburg-American line steamer "President Grant," a sister boat to the "President Lincoln." During the past season, Mr. Volpe succeeded in arousing even a greater interest in the series of concerts given by the excellent orchestra directed by him. Many new patrons were added



ARNOLD VOLPE.

to the list, and considering the financial depression, this was nothing short of marvelous. But the Volpe Symphony movement has been well organized, and the concerts attracted large audiences of serious music lovers, many of them persons of wealth and social influence. The directors of the society announce a series of three Thursday evening subscription concerts at Carnegie Hall, the first to take place November 19. This will be the fifth seaso

Mr. Volpe is the founder and organizer of these con-certs, and the work accomplished for the advancement of music in Greater New York under his guidance has appealed especially to the youthful and progressive spirit in the metropolis. As a conductor, Mr. Volpe is skillful, modest and magnetic. He is extremely popular with the audiences, and his popularity is growing all the time. His musicians esteem him, and that is another reason why he gets such satisfactory results. The Volpe concerts have become an educational force in New York.

While abroad, Mr. Volpe will arrange with soloists for the coming season, and he will also outline programs. The conductor will visit many cities in Germany, and then go to Switzerland, and later to France. He expects to have an ideal tour, and will endeavor to combine recreation with his professional missions. Mr. Volpe expects to meet a number of the famous musicians of Europe, who are counted among his cherished friends.



A few more concerts, a few more conservatory com mencements, and summer will be with us, indeed. No more musicals, no more recitals, no more concerts, no more opera to help pass the long summer evenings. Philadelphia is said to be the hottest city in the United States in summer. While no loyal Philadelphian will admit this statement, yet it must be allowed that it is uncomfortably warm during a great part of the summer season. And this is the reason that the ordinary forms of musical activity come to a complete standstill at this time of the year. In some of our northern and seaboard towns a certain amount of concert work goes on all the year round. They are not more musical, but they are blessed with a cooler climate. Do the music lovers all pack up and leave the town then at the first intimation of hot weather? Not at all. There are tens of thousands of musical folk always with us. Must this great crowd go hungry for their favorite art through the long summer months then? No, indeed. There is music for all, good music in great variety. The point to be emphasized is that Philadelphia summer music and winter music are of an entirely different character. The weather decrees against all indoor concerts, so the city hears its music only in the open. At Woodside Park, at Washington Park, at Beechwood Park, at Willow Grove, are nightly found whole armies of music loving people. There can be no doubt that a much larger number of people, drawn from all classes, hear and talk of and think of music now than in the so called musical season of the winter months.

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At Willow Grove Pryor's Band is giving daily cor The programs show skillful of remarkably good music. arrangement of music that is good and yet somewhat

The commencement exercises of the Pennsylvania College of Music took place on June 13 at Witherspoon Hall. An interesting program allowed several of the graduating class to display their musicianship. The program was as follows: Overture, "The Hebrides," Mendelssohn, arranged for two pianos, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Lang, Miss Huber, "Ave Maria," Gounod, sung by Anna M. Mrs. Finney; Egan, with violin obligato by Mr. Hopkins; piano solos, "Cradle Song," Henselt, and "Scherzo," Chopin, Raymond Wilson; "Concertstück," for piano, Weber, A. Violet Huber; "The Mill," Jensen, sung by the College Chorus; "Kamenoi Ostrow," Rubinstein, Elva R. Finney; concerto in E flat, Liszt, Raymond Wilson; "Caro Nome," from "Rigoletto," Anna M. Egan; chorus, "Gaily We Are Tripping," Veasic, College Chorus. The graduates are: Raymond Spering Wilson, Elva Rebecca Fenton, Jane M. Cope land, Edwin R. Smythe, A. Violet Huber, Jane Martin, Mabel Richman, Mary Yoos, Margaret Lea, Edna Campbell and Ida M. Richards. DC DC DC

The Philadelphia Operatic Society, which has been doing ome surprisingly good work during the past two years with its operatic productions on a large scale, held a meeting last Monday evening to discuss the matter of suitable quarters. The Operatic Society has been holding its rehearsals in halls heretofore, but while this answers very well for the musical part of the work, it gives no oppor tunity for the members to practise the art of acting. The society has been ambitious in all its undertakings since its organization, and now that the matter of proper housing

has come to its attention, it is planning this project on a large scale. It has been decided that the needs of the society embrace a building of its own containing a hall large enough to train the chorus of 200 for stage work, and also to be used in training the ballet of forty-five, a library, a general meeting room and storage rooms for the costumes and properties that the society has purchased from time to time. All this seems almost too much for a young organization to ask for, but if the enthusiasm of the society's own members and the enthusiasm of the pub lic can be kept up, there is little doubt that all this and more will be splendidly realized in the course of time. \bullet

The Wanamaker Chorus is working with much enthusi asm for its "Grieg Concert," to be given in Egyptian Hall on Thursday evening June 18. The chorus will be assisted by Mrs. Russell King Miller, contralto; Mabel Lemore Geist, mezzo soprano; Harry Cunliffe and John N. Vandersloop, basses; Stanley Addicks, organist, and Dr. J. Lewis Browne, conductor; Helen Pulaski Innes, assistant conductor. Fifty members from the Philadelphia Orchestra will also play. This will be the first appearance of Dr. Browne as conductor of the chorus. Among other numbers to be heard at the "Grieg Concert" will be a cantata, "Olaf Trygvasson"; "Ave, Maris Stella," for unaccompanied chorus, and "Land Sighting," chorus for men, with baritone solo, orchestra and organ.

The graduates' concert of the Columbia College of Music was given in Witherspoon Hall on Tuesday evening. The program opened with a performance of Mozart't Juan" overture, most creditably played by the college orchestra. This was followed by a number of solos rendered by the following: G. Leroy Lindsay, Julia T. Cranes, Hermonie Montayne, Helen Wherry, Kathryn Bower, Bertha Hofheimer, Gustav Bien, Charles E. Hammond, Walter Tarbuck, Frances Mathews, Matthew Howard and Mary

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. . . The pupils of Alice Louise Smith gave an invitation piano recital on the evening of June 6 at 4704 Chester avenue. Miss L. M. Pepper, contralto, assisting. Miss Smith's pupils who were heard were Dorothy Brown, Erma Moore, Arthur Jewell, Roland Peak, Louise Baker,

Esmeralda Coles and Ralph Brown.

Frederick Hahn, the violinist, well known as first violin of the Hahn String Quartet, will sail for Europe on the Noordam, June 24. Mr. Hahn will travel during July and August. He is taking with him Domenico Bove, of his most promising pupils. Late in August\Mr. Hahn will take young Bove to Prague to prepare for his studies with Sevcik, who is now teaching another of Mr. Hahn's old pupils, Marie Haskins.

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An organ recital was given June 2 at St. Michael's Church, Germantown, by Ernest Felix Potter, assisted by H. Mullen, tenor, and the choir of the church. Mullen sang "The Sorrows of Death" from Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," and the choir sang "Fling Wide the Gates" and "God so Loved the World" from the "Crucifixion." Mr. Potter played a request program, including Wagner selections, caprice by Wely, F minor fantaisie, Freyer. The recital was attended by a large and appre-

Thursday evening, June 11, the United Evangelistic Choirs, under the leadership of H. C. Lincoln, gave a concert at Willow Grove. The choirs, which aggregate somethems which made them famous two years ago. Floyd Tomkins, D. D., rector of Holy Trinity Church, made an appropriate address on "Music."

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Musical progress in the South is a matter that has aroused widespread wonder in other sections of the country. The enervating climate is supposed to kill commercial and artistic enthusiasm, but the statistics refute the supposition. It may be well for Northerners and Westerners to investigate what is being accomplished for the art of sic south of Mason and Dixon's line. Next to New Orleans, there is perhaps no city in the South more progressive along artistic lines than Montgomery, Ala. At least one man in that city, Robert Braun Eilenberg, has wrought great things for the advancement of music. Outside of New Orleans, Montgomery is the only Southern city that has a permanent orchestra-a symphony orchestra—of which Mr. Eilenberg is the musical director. The Eilenberg-Lindner Conservatory of Music is another musical institution of Montgomery, of which many citizens are justly proud. Last year 121 pupils were registered



ROBERT B. EILENBERG.

at the conservatory. The annual concerts recently held at the Grand Theater in Montgomery proved events that would have done credit to New York, Boston, London or Berlin. Besides the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra of thirty-five players, eight grand pianos occupied places on the stage. Sixteen players (thirty-two hands) participated in the performances of works comprising numbers like "The Coronation March" from "The Prophet" (Meyerbeer), the "Rienzi" overture (Wagner), and an "Air de Ballet," by Mr. Eilenberg. Musically, it was an achievement to make musicians marvel, and certainly those worthy of the name in Montgomery did marvel at the Eilenberg musical leadership.

The two concerts which closed the musical year at the conservatory equalled a musical festival, for the theater was crowded both at the matinee and evening concerts. The date of this extraordinary event was Thursday, May 28. In the afternoon, the pupils in the preparatory and

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night was properly reserved for the advanced pupils, assisted by the symphony orchestra. The three departments, violin and vocal, made an excellent demonstration. Mr. Eilenberg and his talented wife are the heads of the piano department. Georg Friedrich Lindner is the head of the violin department.

It is not often that one finds a musician who is a g teacher, a skilful executive and also a gifted orchestra leader, but down in Montgomery they declare this unusual combination is possessed by Robert Braun Eilenberg. He gave an exhibition of his varied gifts in June of 1907, when the city of Montgomery rang with a triple musical celebration—a joint convention of the Southern Music Teachers' Association and the Alabama State Music Teachers' Association, with a music festival, under the auspices of the Montgomery Music Association. officiating as manager of the festival, Mr. Eilenberg directed the orchestra, which for this occasion was increased to forty-five players, a number of them specially engaged from other cities for the festival concerts. gomery Symphony Orchestra, as before stated, a permanent body, is made up of the best players in the local theaters and a few talented amateurs and ad-

vanced pupils at the Eilenberg-Lindner Conservatory of Music.

As a composer Mr. Eilenberg is appeciated by the local critics. The following extract from the Montgomery Daily Advertiser refers to the Eilenberg composition played at the recent concert in the Grand Theater:

But it was Mr. Eilenberg's own composition, "Air de Ballet," which impelled the audience to spontaneous applause approaching an ovation. Dainty, graceful and transmitting, a theme of remarkable beauty, this composition was perhaps the most enjoyed on the program. It was performed from manuscript, and interpreted by the composer himself, and translated for the andience every beauty which should characterize its rendition.

Mr. Eilenhere who was in New York last week, will spend his vacation in Canada. He will return to his varied activities in Montgomery about September 1, when the conservatory will reopen for the autumn term.

Katherine Ricker, Contralto.

Katherine Ricker, contralto and concert singer, of Boston, engaged in one of the "Hub's" most prominent Back Bay churches, is a Maine girl, daughter of a family of ancient lineage. Both parents had a good local musical reputation, and Miss Ricker is one of the few American singers of note who began her artistic career as a child, and smiles now as she tells of the tragic m when, as a very precocious little miss of twelve years, she walked out on the concert stage with an august body of Boston Symphony men and others of musical note before her, and sang with unwavering zeal her part in the duets, "I Know a Bank" and "I Would That My Love."

'No, the child did not break down, but finished with a composure perhaps in advance of that experienced by the average concert artist," a listener said. After this important episode, the singer became widely popular, and sang all over New England. But what Miss Ricker considers first public appearance was in a production of the "Pirates of Penzance," given by society people of Portland, Me., when she experienced first real joy of singing in opera.

"I had but one line to sing," the artist said, "but it meant much to me at that time," and her phenomenal voice, yet wholly untrained, is said to have aroused enthusiasm when ever heard, and the girl's "future" became a question of time only. Miss Ricker at an early age became identified with some of the leading musical clubs of the East, and was one of two selected by the Rossini Club, of Portland, to represent this organization at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, when the two girls sang "Per Serbar mi Fidele," from "The Prophet." During the singing the big convention of musical clubs from all over the country stood up, waving hats, hands, and handkerchiefs, shouting, 'Bravissima!" over and over again. Later Miss Ricker and her cousin, who had joined her in the duet, received the distinctive honor of having the only diploma awarded to singers at the Exposition fall to them, the award being by a committee including Theodore Thomas, Clarence Eddy, Bloomfield-Zeisler, Edward Lloyd, and other celebrities from both America and Europe

Later, when Katherine Ricker went to Europe, where she was taught by distinguished masters, she was attended with perhaps the greatest ovation ever tendered an American girl on the day the little artist set sail. After her return to her old New England home success upon success followed, engagements coming from all over the East and various parts of Canada. Her singing in the Maine festivals in 1898 and 1900, with Ffrangeon Davies, will long

be remembered. 'My physical condition," Miss Ricker states, "for some time frustrated most of my well-laid plans, but now my

health is perfect, and I am again ready for hard work." The present season Miss Ricker has filled many engage Of all the oratorios, "Elijah" perhaps is her favorite, its score being particularly suited for her rich voice. Miss Ricker's repertory is large and varied, including all the oratorios, and a long list of songs in German, French, Italian, and English. Miss Ricker has appeared with these organizations: Maine Music Festivals, Handel and Hayda Society, Boston; Boston Singing Club, People's Choral Union, Boston; St. George's Society, Montreal; Clinto, Mass. Choral Union; Choral Society, Sherbrooke, Q.; Littleton, N. H., Music Festival; Singers' Portland, Me.; Choral Art Society, Portland, Me.; Lowell Cheral Union, Manchester, N. H., Choral Society; Nashua, N. H., Oratorio Society; New Bedford, Mass., Choral

Some press comments of Katherine Ricker's success are as follows:

Miss Ricker has a pure alto voice of a rich and resona ity; deep but flexible, and she sings with an expression on and renth admirably suited to oratorio. Boston Globe

Miss Ricker proved a great favorite; she has an easy method



KATHERINE RICKER.

and a beautiful voice to demonstrate it; has wide range and to hich are smooth, rounded, voluminous, and her et-ings clear,—Manchester (N. H.) Mirror and American.

Katherine Ricker never appeared to better advantage than in the grand aria from Meyerbeer's "Prophet." Her stage presence was charming, she sang with great majesty and dignity and displayed most brilliant execution.—Portland (Me.) Daily Press.

Miss Ricker's voice is rich, powerful and of a range to enable her to do with it as she will. All her selections were done with the perfection that comes from knowledge and skill.—Haverhill (Mass.)

Satherine Ricker made an excellent impression. Miss Ricke es are full, sympathetic and sweet and she sings with the es a thoroughly trained artist.—Montreal Gazette.

Katherine Ricker scored a decided success in Meyerbeer's "L'ingrato m'abbandona" from "Le Prophete," coming up to fes-tival form with her noble contralto so evenly developed and so-broad and rich in tone, proving herself a vocalist of quite excep-tional power and promise.—New York Musical Courier.

The feature of the first part was the singing of Miss Ricks Her tones are of unco-with genuine feeling, genuine feeling, without the slightest taint of sentimentalis lip Hale in Boston Journal.

Then followed Miss Ricker with Saint-Saëns' "Amour! Vise Aider" and superbly did her noble contralto ring out in it. Fro the vigorous opening recitative to the last phrase of the air, the spherdid voice and beautiful art were in full eviderce.—Portland

One bazards nothing in saying that no more accomplish satisfying artist has been heard in this city for some years. of rare potency and brilliancy, of wide range and of

al effectiveness throughout.-North Adams (Mass.) Evening

She has a beautiful contralto voice, rich, warm and she sang with skill, taste and authority.—Boston Herald.

Katherine Ricker, of Boston, who possesses a grand contralto-pice, charmed the audience by her rendering of Somerville's Pretty Polly Oliver," Stanford's "Battle Hymn" and other numers.-Montreal Gazette.

Miss Ricker displayed a breadth of style and fervor that delightfully satisfying. Her singing of the great aria "O in the Lord" was a beautiful bit of work without a flaw.—I land (Me.) Daily Eastern Argus.

Amour! Viens Aider," by Saint-Saëns, was beautifully rendered by Miss Ricker. She was superb last evening in every part of program in which she took part.—Rockland (Me.) Daily Star,

Katherine Ricker, of Boston, has a beautiful, full contralto voice, admirably cultivated. In addition to her vocal talents, the American singer, who has won laurels in Boston, that center of music and art, has a charming stage presence.—Sherbrooke (Canada)

Olga Samaroff's London Success.

Olga Samaroff achieved a remarkable success and was accorded an ovation at the Tschaikowsky concert recently

in London, where she was the solo pianist, when, with the London Symphony Orchestra, directed by Arthur Nikisch, she played Tschaikowsky's B flat minor concerto. So enthusiastic was the applause that, after acknowledging her appreciation by coming forward half a dozen or more times, she was finally obliged to accord an encore. a further proof of her success in London, Madame Samaroff was immediately engaged for the Sunday concert at the Royal Albert Hall, again delighting a large audience with her fine playing, Some press notices from leading London papers are given:

Between these two works came the well known piano concerto in B flat minor. Olga Samaroff played the solo part with brilliance and fluency. The octave passages of the first movement flowed with wonderful case, and the delicacy of her treatment of the andanti

ere than usual interest attached to the perform of this example, from the fact that the soloist of the or of this example, from the fact that the soloist of the oc-casion, Olga Samaroff, is a comparative stranger in our midst. Some few years, we fancy, have passed since this American pianist was heard in London, and, after the brilliant account she gave of the Tschaikowsky work, it will be interesting to see what she can do in music of another kind. Certainly her playing, which is marked by attractive rhythmic qualities, an almost masculine power, and an easy command of all technical difficulties, seemed to suit well the character of this concerto. Madame Sam-aroff made no little impression on her beavers, who large aroff made no little impression on her hearers, who ished upon her their warmest tributes, and insisted of re" piece.-Daily Telegraph.

The B flat minor concerto has been in danger of becoming hackneyed lately; but a performance such as that
of Madame Samaroff gives new life to any work. I am
inclined to place it on a level with that of Madame Carreño—which is so far the most completely satisfying I
know—and it has even more poetry and feline Slavonic
grace. Madame Samaroff has already been heard here
and made her mark, but never achieved such a success.
She was best in the slow movement, and nothing could
have been more delightful than her playing of the graceful middle section. The opening movement had a splendid
warmth about it. No praise can be too high for the way
in which the accompaniment was played, and Herr Nikisch cut was played, and Herr Nikisch threw a new light on a good many things. The Star

The concerto (it is difficult to get tired of the first The concerto (it is diment to get then or the man movement, which is quite as poetical as that of the Schumann) was played by Olga Samaroff, who is a planist of decided personal style. The difficulties of the work were conquered with skilful ease, and, if one may so describe it, a touch of arrogance. Nikisch accompanied beautifully.—The

Chief interest centered in the reading of the "Symphonic Pa Chief interest centered in the reading of the "Symphonic Pathetique," but before this was given enthusiastic applause was roused by the piano playing of Olga Samaroff in the composer's fiery concerto in B flat minor, No. 2. This lady, who, by birth, is an American, was heard in London three years ago, but not under the favorable conditions of Monday. She has a commanding but not an exceptional technic, the distinction of her playing arising from the assurance and what may be termed the intimate manner in which she treats her instrument. Madame Samaroff is one of those pianists who make their technical abilities entirely subservient to the expression of their meaning, and consequently her interpretation was full of the significance that pertains to personality.—Referee.

A good deal of interest attached to the reappearance of Olga Samaroff to interpret the solo part in the B flat minor plans concerts. She executed it with a grace and deftness which reached the height of perfection in the enchanting andantino. The spirit of the entire composition was so artistically presented as to make her performance of value. The accompaniment was beautifully played by the orchestra.—Morning Post.

Olga Samaroff made a very deep impression as soloist. I dendid power and her fine sense of rhythm made her performa of the finale memorable.-The Globe.

And between the two the piano concerts with Olga memorifi, the American pianist, as soloist. Her rendering was masterful fifthe the American pianist, as an encore which insistently recalled roff, the American pianist, as soloist, and brilliant, and delighted the audie her till she played Tschaikovsky's "Humoresque"

Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 1, 1908. onial concert which was given for Millie Williams Barratt Hall must have been very gratifying to that young singer, as it showed the esteem in which she is held here. Miss Williams, who possesses a wonderfully pure soprano voice, is leaving Salt Lake for San Francisco, where she will study under one of the best teachers in that city.

The comic opera entitled "The Merry Grafters," which was w by Dr. Shurley, of Detroit, with lyrics by Harold Orlob, of this city, will be put on here in the early part of June, under the di-rection of Mr. Orlob. Mr. Orlob has chosen two young Salt Lake eingers, Edna Evans, soprano, and Claudia Holt, contralto, for lead-

Martha Royle King will take three months' vacation before again

Martha Royle King will take three months' vacation before again resuming her vocal teaching.

The quartet and organist of the First Congregational Church gave a concert last Sunday which was highly pleasing and attractive. Those heard were: Nell Pinkerton Moore, soprano; Edna Dwyer, contralto; George Rogers, tenor; Claude J. Nettleton, baritone and director, and Arthur Shepherd, organist.

Sybella White Clayton, daughter of Col. N. W. Clayton, of this city, recently made her debut here. Miss Clayton has been under the care of Alberto Jonás in Berlin for the past two years, where he has ampeared in concerts and recitals, receiving excellent notices

she has appeared in concerts and recitals, receiving excellent notices Berlin critics. critics. Miss Clayton delighted her audience with her playing, especialy with her rendition of the "Hand Alone," by Scriabine, and a Liszt rhapsody.

Syracuse.

Syracuse, June 10, 1908.

The annual musical soirces of the Fine Arts College of Syracuse
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ulty. Under the direction of Dean George A. Parker, programs of nal merit were prepared and rendered by the students in which evidences conclusively the artistic capabilities of th manner which evidences conclusively the artistic capabilities of the music department of this university. Because of the number of performers, personal mention will be impossible. The following were heard: Organ, Edith Nield Hannahs, Daisy Clara Daniels, Florence Eugina Olcott, Harry Mason; Piano, Edith Zimmerman, Jennie Gregory Voorhees, Florence Eugene Olcott, Merta Elizabeth Harrington, Norma Aleck, Ellen Elizabeth Young, Margaret Dresher, May Crandell, Dora Millen, Daisy Clara Danniels, Mary Simmons; Vocal, Florence Pamelia Hubbard, Elizabeth Mau-terstock, Daisy Clara Daniels and Marion Cordelia Williams; En-semble, Ethel Connell, Herbert Rand, Nona Guest, James Barnes, Czarina Louise Lobdell, Hazel Walrath, Daniel Brooks, Henry **FREDERICK V. ВВИНА**

Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31, 1908. Portland Symphony Orchestra PORTLAND, Ore., May 31, 1908.

Between the last concert of the Portland Symphony Orchestra and the series of three to be given by the New York Symphony during the present Rose Festival week, there have occurred a number of delightful, and from a musical viewpoint exceptionally interesting and enjoyable soirées, musicales and recitals, by resident professionals and students.

An overflowing house of musicales are recitals.

of musical and society folk greeted the An overflowing house An overflowing house of musical and society folk greeted the Symphony Orchestra. Had it existed for no other purpose than to demonstrate the degree of progress possible, this year's short season of the Portland Symphony would have been a success. The first concert, after but few weeks' rehearsal, was a satisfaction, the third and last one, but a little over two months later, a revelation. Under Professor Dierke's direction the orchestra has gained poise and certainty. The most ambitious number of the last concert was the Schubert (unfinished) B minor Symphony. Evidently, Director Dierke had weighed the limitations in numbers of his organization and had taken pains not to endeavor to overstop its capacity, with and had taken pains not to end-avor to overstep its capacity, with the result that no effort was a failure, no effect a disappointment, even to those familiar with the composition and its possibilities. Arthur Alexander, just returned home from his very successful London season, received a well deserved ovation. His numbers were "Siegmund's Love Song" from "Die Walkure"; "Tristan and Isolde" and "Mattinata." Mrs. Marquardt, the harpist, was also gracious in responding to encores. It is the hope of every one musically inclined that E ina B. Jones, who has so successfully managed this series, will continue her efforts in the good cause the continue serson. and had taken pains not to endeavor to overstep its capacity, with

coming segson.

Rose Coursen (Walter) Reed presented three of her most advanced students in a soirée musicalé last week, Delta M. Watson, soprano; Petronella Connolly, contralto; Dr. Geo. Ainslie, tenor, assisted by the Treble Clef Club. E. E. Coursen was accompanist. Miss Watson has a clear soprano and accompanist. Miss Watson has a clear soprano and ber singing reveals temperament as well as true musical conceptions. Miss Connolly's rich, melodious contralto for some numbers seemed to give promise of better things, which were realized in the "Alone Upon the Housetops," which she sang exquisitely. Dr. Ainstie mastered his every number and was a delight throughout. The Treble Clef Club was also in splendid form.

The Pauline Miller Chapman concert at the Heilig, in which William Wallace Graham, violinist, assisted, was a notable artistic affair. Mrs. Chapman's voice is a beautiful mezo soprano of

affair. Mrs. Charman's voice is a beautiful mezzo soprano of dramatic timbre, which she uses with skill. Mr. Graham's playing,

as usual, commands admiration. His rendering of the Hubay "Hegre Kati" created little less than a sensation. Another pleasure was the Bach "Ciaccona" for violin alone. Wilma Waggoner

proved an able accompanist.

Emil Enna gave two students' recitals the past week at Eilers' Recital Hall.

Recital Hall.

Frank Thomas Chapman presented four students within the week at the Sherman-Clay Recital Hall. In the first, Leah Lieser, a young Canadian, was assisted by Nell Hoople; in the second, Alice Sewell was assisted by Frances Clapp.

Enryll L. Niles.

Denver.

Denvez, Col., May 20, 1908.
The Wednesday Symphony Club, of Denver, gave its closing conert of the season at the Walcott School Hall, Wednesday evening, May 6. The Mansfeldt Quartet played two numbers, and four members of the club performed the "New World" symphony by Dvorál (two pianos).

(two pianos).

The chorus choir of Trinity Church, numbering 100 voices, made a good record, singing during the season "The Messiah" and other great works, under the direction of Wilberforce Whitman. Frank A. McCanol is the organist. Recently Thus Musical Courses correspondent heard this choir sing the "Gloria," from Mozart's Twelfth

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is another edifice where good music is a feature of the services. The choir is made up of men, boys and girls. Gaston O. Wilkins is the organist and choir

Germaine Schnitzer, the pianist, pleased the public and critics of Amsterdam mightily not long since,

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